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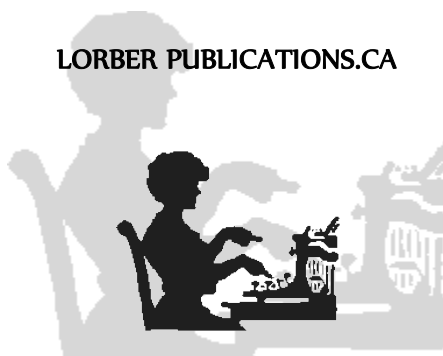
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To Joshua, whose love, patience and innocent support proves that the world can be a beautiful place. Thank you Josh for your amazing faith in God.



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That what was hidden
from the dawn of creation,
becomes completely apparent
in the Light of lights to you here! –



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Introduction

In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus told us a parable of a certain man who had two sons. The younger son asked the father for his inheritance and subsequently lived a debauched lifestyle, until all the money ran out. In the end, he was hired by one of the citizens to feed the pigs. He longed to eat the pig's husks when at last he came to his senses and remembered that his father's servants had plenty of bread to eat. So he decided to go back home and ask his father to become a hired servant. Full of repentance, the prodigal son arose and returned to his father house. With great compassion, the father welcomed his lost son with open arms, beautiful and precious gifts, and a great reception. He said, "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found". ...

In the following "Twelve Hours," the reader is introduced to a moral-political, political-moral testimony of the above-mentioned Biblical parable. He will be a witness of a historical panoramic scene that unfolds on a round tablet right before his eyes. The reader will be taken on a journey around the earth and inside various countries, cultures, and religions. He will also encounter diabolical practices never imagined possible.

The reader will walk in the footsteps of the prodigal son. It will—hopefully—pierce his heart with despair and force him to examine his own inner soul in the light of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the Father and God, Almighty and Everlasting.

Praise His Name!



FIRST HOUR – Moral Values

Moral values are most often preached in the so-called civilized and more educated world, where especially the Christian religion, under different denominational sects is common. We see how it, in political terms, favourably serves the power hungry authorities, in either worldly or in spiritual things.

2] The people are taught a terrible knowledge of God; not because they recognize and love the ‘Same’ [God], but only because they view Him as the inexorable tyrant of all tyrants whom they should fear immensely. And so the Deity is preached only as a hostage who should bear fruit, while all other hostages have already become fruitless.

3] Instead of announcing the Deity as the highest solace to the people, the Same is presented to them as ‘Someone’ that has nothing better to do, than to condemn each minute billions of morally ruined and disobedient children forever into the eternal sea of fire¹.

4] And so, look around a little. Look at all the countless dungeons that are all crammed with all kinds of moral criminals. And look at how, from minute to minute, these dungeons are continuously increasing by vast numbers, so that, if these dungeons were united in one place [and this increase of numbers continued at the same pace], you would think that in a few years the entire generation of the earth would have to get up and march in there.

5] Let us ask, what happens to people who are captured there? Look a little over here towards the morning. See, a number of deathly pale multitudes are already standing there; they are surrounded by all kinds of armed people and poisonous judges; and see further over there a number of murderous instruments with which these unfortunates are executed. Over there you see burning pyres, gallows, scaffolds and all sorts of other fatal instruments. See, that is the last penitentiary for all such moral criminals!

6] Now. You will ask. What have they all done? Yes, I say. Among them are murderers, robbers, thieves, turncoats and political troublemakers. Furthermore, a large quantity of these people has brought damage to the nation through all kinds of deceits. Among these are those who have, one way or another, deeply offended the political or moral order. Look. Consequently, as long as these serve at least as an apparent reason, the crimes of these unfortunates are uncovered.

7] But now let us ask another important question: Wherein then lies the reason that these people have become such criminals? Even if you would ask someone else for the reason, you will certainly not get the same answer, other than: Either the reason lies in the neglected upbringing, or, what may be one and the same, it was already shaped by their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.

8] I am asking once more: how was it then that these people received such a bad upbringing, and that in the upbringing justice and knowledge of truth have neglected an entire generation? You do not have to reach far; the answer will force itself upon you: does not care much for anything, other than that the underlings are kept in total darkness as much as possible; they do this in the fear, that if the people would receive more evidence about Me and thereby also receive their own destiny, the power of these rulers and their temporal earnings [on earth] will soon have an end.

¹ Purgatory

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9] Oh these fools! They should only look upon My David, who himself was a king and a prophet and as such was a great teacher to the people. If they did this they would soon observe that a nation that recognizes God and His fortitude is also a people full of obedience and good will.

10] Thousands can be governed more easily with a feather-quill, than ten dark morons who have no other image of Me than, perhaps, of one of a possibly existing tyrant, or a being which formerly would suck the last drops of blood out of his followers like a vampire, until finally blessing them with eternal life after kneeling and worshipping Him for ages on a luminous cloud. -

11] Look, is it not easy to comprehend that people want to get away as much as possible from such a cruel God? Even if they still possess any kind of religion, this exists in mere ceremony; and this out of divine considerations only.

12] Already, in the beginning, the consequence of all this was that the world-addicted part ultimately, as you would say: Ran away from all religion and all kind of Christian doctrine.

13] On the other hand, church separations and sectarianism emerged, namely through men who more or less realized the folly of such a sermonized Godhead, and in a sense said in their own minds: It is utterly confusing how the divinity is being taught nowadays; let us therefore take the doctrine into our own hands, examine it more closely and see whether or not we can obtain clearer truth about the divinity. -

14] And in fact, they found in such a test that I am not at all such a tyrant. On the other hand they forgot however, that despite everything—I am God—and they still took My will to be too apathetic. Others raised Me so high, and in each deed philosophized themselves in every way, which in their nature only finds some kind of vain stimulation. They did this in pursuit of My just and complete will, but in the mistaken idea that whatever goes through their foolish minds must be My will! And so arose, in the place of the old folly, a great deal of absurdities and a variety of difference in concepts when teaching of the divine. It is truly not worth the effort to list them for you.

15] As already noted above, the reason for all that was and there is none other than: partly the moral politics, but mainly, the inertia and fear with the people to seriously walk in the pre-manifested ways to eternal life. For truly I say, whoever does not accept My Kingdom, how I announced it, he will not receive it. Even if he should unite all the sects within himself, or accept all the sects. For I alone am the **Way**, the **Truth** and the **Life**.

SECOND HOUR – Asia

Look here on this tablet. See the country that lies before you. It is Asia. See how the people are covered with thick veils. They rush about chaotically; out of their hollow breast they blurt out one lament after another.

2] Here you find nothing but the most blatant paganism, although here and there, a Christian crowd is still praying unto Me. This can be seen, as you look within the picture, through the little naked and bleeding groups of people. There, see, in the centre of Asia, an enormous castle in the highlands; it is the castle of the god Brahma ². See, how this one really accomplishes things, for he even understands the art of how to fleece the kings, and to feed them with dirt.

3] No one can approach his castle within one hour of the path. Woe to the sinner; for the [so-called³] angels⁴ of this god stand on all borderlines holding watch, as lords over life and death.

4] Whoever comes near this vicinity and brings gold and jewels, fat oxen, cows, calves and sheep: the angels do nothing to them. Instead, they take the sacrifice and the giver is simply released with fifty to one-hundred bamboo strokes.

5] You may think that this is something bad. I say, Oh No! Whoever returns and shows his blue beaten back, carried out by the angels, receives divine veneration and it is then easy for him to procure the most important government positions through this acknowledgement.

6] This is not the only thing that befalls such givers. If someone does not come quite well loaded and packed with gifts—which are of course accepted—the giver is not whipped but is covered with all kinds of other gruesome penances from the angels. They are of the type that the mere mentioning of them here sounds unbelievable or at least to the highest degree ridiculous.

7] One example is that someone must stand on one foot under a tree for years. Only a trifle is presented here, because these angels are so inventive in such works of penance, you would have a hard time even believing Me if I would make them all known to you.

8] Their cruelty has, in this regard, no boundary; and still their constitution is proclaimed everywhere. A part of that constitution is that the only way to attain eternal bliss, according to their doctrine, is to present this Brahma with an extraordinary sacrifice at least once in his lifetime.

9] However, such sacrifices are not all that this Brahma demands of his believers; he also demands human sacrifices. First off, each woman must be sacrificed after the death of her husband⁵, secondly, girls and lads must be sacrificed annually: the girls may not be under twelve and not over fourteen years old; the boys however, must be sacrificed in the sixth year of their age.

10] It is obvious that the girls must be of the most exceptional beauty and the boys of the freshest health. The parent who presents such a sacrifice, in addition to a significant dowry, can then request for

² Of the Hindu religion

³ ...infernally supporters of ...

⁴ Note: Research shows that these are the 'sadhus' or holy men of India!?

⁵ Called the 'Sati', an ancient Hindu practice; also called immolation.

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himself two things, namely that he primarily attains a so-called letter of indulgence⁶ for all his children, and secondly that he is pardoned from all works of penance. As special preference from the angels, he can also be absolved immediately from his body in order to arrive most unfailingly in this manner to his blessedness.

11] Another means of receiving official pardon is that: if someone takes a young pretty wife, he [the groom] is not allowed to touch her [or consummate the marriage], but if he wants to receive grace, he must take her to the borderline where the angels hold their watch. There in the face of the angels she [the bride] must undress herself totally naked, step into an already prepared bath and wash herself, and when she comes out of the bath she must festively decorate herself and allow the guard-keeping angel to rape her through three full nights.

12] When she returns, she is then also sufficiently blessed. This blessing can have such an effect, that if the spouse dies before her, she does not have to sacrifice herself. Instead she can either let another person burn for her, or save herself completely from being burned to death by means of a significant sacrifice. -

13] Yes, the foolishnesses often even go further. Among other things, one preferential treatment that is performed is that a one to three year old girl has her genital organs sewn together to a minuscule opening by one such angel, for the preservation of her chastity. However, it is only performed, if the suitable sacrifice was given for one reason, then, when such a girl reaches the age of maturity, she is once again brought back, and such an angel then airs [or opens] her [genital organs for] marriage-ability. Other countless follies that are common there are best not remembered.

14] You see, I already have to watch such absurdity nearly into the third millennium. I have to watch how these wicked people who are in the possession of the old pre-Flood religion - from which you now have some knowledge⁷ - push such indescribable nonsense! - See there at the end of the illuminated tablet: See, it is an hourglass, and only a few grains of sand remain to fall through.

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15] I am not going to show you all the abominable pictures of Persia, Arabia, Turkey, the Chinese empire, Siberia and other unknown smaller states; for nowhere will you discover anything but the most abominable pressure on people. The god they preach everywhere is, truly, none other than Satan himself in all his various out of control evil ways.

16] However, do not be concerned about My long, patient waiting [over this wickedness], for the scarcity of the spirit will be increased. But woe unto the servants of malice! Oh, their reward will be great! -

17] I say, as inventive as Satan is, truly, I also made a secret invention, over which he will soon be surprised from eternity to eternity. I have tolerated long enough and waited throughout time for improvement⁸. However, the earth has become full of a disgusting stench; that is why I have already ignited My torch to burn them in the near future, so that their disgusting stench does not ascend into My heaven and pollute the dwellings of My loyal abiders.

18] This is why I say to you: Make sure that the world does not infuriate you! Each of their words is a scum-bubble, filled with deadly pestilence. - Therefore, hear My Word and follow My advice, so the fire

⁶ A kind of forgiveness.

⁷ Sanskrit (The Holy Writings) see The Household of God, vol. 3, 192:12

⁸ Or reformation.

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of the earth will not burn you when I ignite it. For this fire will bring life to the living, and death to the already dead! –

Do not allow the world to deceive
you and do not listen to its
temptation; for all its treasures are
empty and perishable!

The Great Gospel of John, vol. 7



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THIRD HOUR – Africa

Now see this country. It is depicted for you on the white tablet. You might recognize it. It is Africa. Take a good look at it. I am telling you it is not a land map; it is the actual country in a literal picture.

2] See. Here are the northern coasts, and here in the north is old Egypt; further over toward the west are all the well known states which cause havoc and mayhem. Observe all the rough mountain ranges and between them observe the incalculable sand deserts and grasslands. –

3] See. The idol Mohamed rules everywhere. Robbery, murder and slavery are everywhere and on the other hand despotism and tyranny is of the highest order!

4] See how all these inhabitants still carry on a trade but they are nothing but bond slaves to the rulers; the sword of the despot revolves steadily around their bare necks, and what they nearly acquired for themselves, they have to hand over to their ruler.

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5] See how their priests preach curses and lies from their towers; they preach no blessings, but fill the poor with their [pretended] Elysian⁹ air; while these poor men must give sacrifice for this '*nothing*' of at least half of what the ruler left them.

6] See how a few Christians here make a very miserable pitiful figure; meanwhile, other more powerful, by name only, Christians wander about well armed in powerful armies and make the wretched still more miserable than they already are. As you can see, instead of bringing them My blessing and My grace as they should, they bring war, death, devastation, famine and countless other evils. Truly, not even Paul performed such awful Christian-pursuits, as these [so-called] Christians do to these wretched people. Now, let us leave this coast up there and look a little toward Egypt.

7] Look here. Look at this beautiful country; this one-time blessing to Jacob. See how it looks now. Truly, it is so wicked, the harlot Babel is a pure virgin compared to it.

8] Thus far, the old Nile is still irrigating the ground where Joseph ruled when everything still belonged to Pharaoh; but whose country is it that this Nile is watering now?

9] As I led the Israelites home out of this land, this same land was afflicted with seven hard plagues¹⁰ for a short time, until the children were released. What were these plagues compared to today? Today their number is endless. Yes. Those early plagues were truly manna from heaven compared to what is happening today.

10] At that time pagans controlled the same country; but they were at least people, and knew to respect the value of human beings. Their tenet was one¹¹ that, like the one from central Asia, sprung from the time of Noah; the Being of the great God was well known to them. Out of this knowledge, they had manifold wisdom; they only taught this wisdom to certain people through their mysteries. They said they did this so that the great God would not be desecrated through someone incapable and unworthy. For this reason their country subsequently overflowed with all types of so-called wonders of the world, and their wisdom and schools were acknowledged by all nations as remarkable.

11] Today you still see remnants of former greatness looming over the hot sand of this country; but now take a closer look at this land. See its poor people; see how they are hounded just like animals. See, here to the south are some peaceful cottages surrounded by almost undefeatable mountains.

12] Look over here, and look fearlessly! The armed climbers of the despot boldly ascend to the mountaintop. See there! They plunge themselves onto the peaceful cottages; they do this only to cruelly kill all the peaceful citizens. They haul away all of their possessions, and replace them with other prisoners; then they place on them, in addition to a most terrible death penalty, a bitter duty. This duty is designed to earn tribute for the despot quickly: in three years instead of over a span of ten years.

13] Look over here. Here is another such countryside; here the same took place three years ago. See how these tribute-extortionists approach the replaced slaves and cruelly mistreat them; all their women and maidservants are severely punished; then they take their acquired possessions, and haul them away.

14] Now. Look further upwards. See. Here are several despotic war servants equipped with nooses¹², swords and shotguns. Look! See how at this instant the nooses are thrown to and fro over the fleeing

⁹ To suggest divine inspiration or of paradisiacal nature.

¹⁰ Exodus 7-11

¹¹ 2nd hour, #14;pre-Flood

¹² A lasso or rope.

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inhabitants of this mountain region. See. There a little toward the west. See how some climb over cliffs and seize the fathers, mothers, and children in flight. Young and old climb with bleeding fingers to escape those cruel murderers. Also notice how these are pursued by the despots; now one after another is shot down from the cliffs. Now look how they are already gagging many prisoners, men and youths together, in order to bring them in a most miserable and sordid manner to their military headquarter.

15] And now look again down the mountain. See! There is an official ruler and tribute-guard of the despot. Look at him as he, only to refresh his lustfulness, scatters an entire group of frightened female slaves with a whip. He does this in order to again rape a profusely bleeding slave, under his brutal blows. Other horrors, which are being committed here in this country in great numbers, are best not thought of.

16] Now. See how this country looks! Compare these plagues with the previous seven and surely, you must admit that they were a pure manna from heaven [compared to the horror of what is happening now.] For if you want to think of the highest degree of infernal depravity, travel to Egypt and you will literally find it there.

17] I am saying, and I cannot tell you more, that is how far it has come everywhere here. Even a good deed is the very worst cruelty; this cruelty is practiced all over by the rulers of this beautiful empire.

18] Take a little peak over here in the hospitals, sanatoriums and asylums. See how the sick are martyred in all kinds of ways. They feed the poor with rubbish. The insane are placed into holes in the wall like mummies and sealed with iron gates; there they cower, scream and lament.

19] I am not going to explain the matter any further to you. It suffices if I say that a good deed is a burst of cruelty everywhere in this country. Think about it. Under which guise does cruelty itself appear?

20] Now we are leaving the northern part of this miserable country, as well as the rest of Africa. See over here the unknown center of this country! Notice, cottages are still scattered everywhere here and there. See. This country is large and all around locked in by un-ascendable mountains. Look. This is the only point on earth where an uncorrupted, highly good-natured class of people still exists.

21] See. These people are still looking¹³ into the innermost [heart]. Except for the apostle Thomas, who was sent by Me, no stranger has ever set foot in this country; and so this small population of people, who alone sparingly inhabit this hot region, are still within My pure teaching. To this hour my pure teaching has not been clouded over among them.

22] This is the only small link-up point that still connects the earth with My heaven. Take notice of what I will say to you now: If a disrespectful foot greedily enters this holy sanctuary, I will hurl my torch over the earth. -

23] Look here from this country toward the east and toward the west. Look how two major nations, full of greed and voracity, have already placed all kinds of ladders against the mountains. They do this in order to appease their insatiable thirst for the reputed gold in this country.

24] Yes. I say unto you. They will soon succeed. They are nearly penetrating through. They will find none of the gold for which they thirst. However, I say, truly they will find some kind of gold, but this gold will evilly crush the entire earth with its heaviness.

¹³ Godly divine wisdom, visions and spiritual enlightenment.

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25] Now draw a little closer over here. Look at the south-western coast of this country. Look at the 'commendable' human trade. See. Despotic profiteers under all kinds of names completely pack their cursed ships with these poor immortal people. Take a little peak inside these ships. See how all around it has very low plank-galleries or decks¹⁴, and how on these decks these poor people have to lay on their belly next to each other like stacked wood.

26] You see, such a ship is packed with six-hundred to one-thousand such unfortunate people. As for nourishment: from this coast until America a four pound heavy, smelly, brick shaped bread¹⁵ is placed before each individual's mouth; and ahead, facing the mouth, runs a groove everywhere; once a day water for all slaves is poured into this groove.

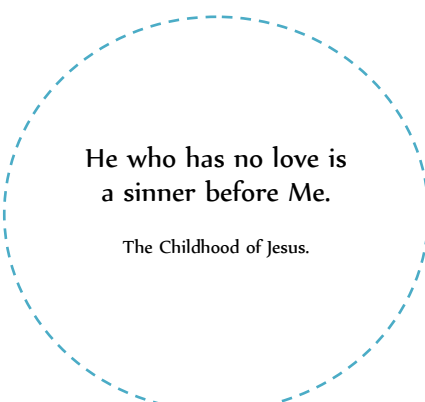
27] You see, with this kind of food such a poor person must make a trip of 2000 miles. And during the trip a daily investigation is conducted, whether or not some have perished.

28] But, how does such an investigation take place? Take a look. A so-called slave attendant goes about with a pointed instrument along the gallery and pierces someone in the foot! If the mistreated one screams, it is a sign that he is still alive.

29] There are also other means to test life, which such true satanic sacrileges of these human-merchants allow themselves to. We are not going to dwell on this evil any further. Yet one thing is certain: when these merchants operate in lions, tigers, snakes and hyenas, they give these animal beasts incessantly more attention, nurture and care than their own poor human brothers.

30] And now we have learned about the entire continent. For just a little bit, look down at the southern point of this country, to the place that is called the [Cape of] Good Hope. Truly, I say to you, there is actually good hope in this place for Satan. Over here the trade is of such significance that the lord of darkness invests his capitals continuously with one-thousand percent.

31] I do not need to tell you anymore. You can easily understand how much such a life-style displeases Me, especially from so-called Christians. A great reward is going to follow!



He who has no love is
a sinner before Me.

The Childhood of Jesus.

¹⁴ The Hull of the ship is divided into 'between-decks', decks that are lower in height.

¹⁵ Translators note: The German word here is 'Stein-brod-ziegel', (stone-smell, damp, fume-brick) believed to be a 'Steinbrot' or stone bread; sourdough bread that was first backed in great quantities and stacked, and later kept [somewhat] moist by the drinking water provided to the slaves. Some people also think it was a heavy black-bread similar to long lasting bread given later to soldiers!?

FOURTH HOUR – Atlantic Ocean

Now take a look over here on this expanse; again you see another picture. There is nothing to see but waves upon waves, and see how one wave drives the other. I can only tell you: This picture is nothing but a small part of the Atlantic Ocean. In this fourth hour, we will stroll around a little on this large body of water, and here and there we will observe the coming and going of swimming houses. –

2] Now look over here! Just now on the western edge of the plate appears a large so-called ocean liner; and see, on its side there are quite a few other, smaller vessels under different descriptions¹⁶.

3] Now we are going to pursue this ship a little. See here on this side, in the deep south, there appears to be a rather important island. Look. The ship is pointing straight toward this island. What do you think this ship is doing?

4] Take a little guess. Look inside its supply stowage. See. It has at least six years of provision. Take a look inside the golden cabin of the captain; look on the tables, and you will find maps of different countries and the various kinds of measuring instruments.

5] By now you have probably already guessed what this ship is up to; just wait a little bit longer [and you will see clearly]. Watch the expressions of the observing sailor standing watch at the upper mast; see how he stares around with a telescope from side to side and explores the immense surface of the water from wave to wave.

However, he still sees no land.

6] See how desperately the people scurry on the deck of the ship; for they already drank all the sweet, precious water on the long-lasting, seafaring trip.

7] Now. Look at this scene a little. Look. Here they throw lots into a pot; now they draw. A poor Negro pulled the lot; now he is undressed and they cover his eyes, and both arms are firmly bound together at the armpits. Look. The sergeant is drawing close and opening his veins, and the blood that streams out of his veins is immediately mixed with a little rum to still the thirst. However, the now bled to death Negro is straight away thrown overboard into the sea. Since this drink was not enough for everyone, this procedure is repeated on quite a few sailors; and the blood-cocktail is prepared out of their veins.

8] Although this scene is extremely rare, and such tragedy befalls only in extreme need of water, it is nonetheless excused. Yes. Out of tremendous brotherly love, it would be something else, if, in such a distress, one or the other sailors would decide for himself to rescue his brothers from death with his own blood-drink. This would be a tremendous testimony of brotherly love for him who did such deed. In this case, however, it is a horror. It would be better that a thousand voluntarily sacrificed themselves for one; instead one is overcome by such a cruel deed.

9] Now see. The lookout [in the crow's nest] screams "land" from the basket; at once everyone on board is happy; all sails, as you see, are directed toward the island. See. The ship is flying like an arrow over tower-high waves; and look, they just now reach a bay. The anchors are dropped, all the team except for the necessary watch hurries into the little vehicles to go to shore.

¹⁶ Either longboats, dories or rowboats with two or more oars.

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10] See. A fresh source of water is soon discovered at the coast and now the scurry is mad and abuzz in order to take the fresh water; and so in a few hours the ship is once again equipped with sweet, precious water; and once more all is set afloat.

11] The vehicles move slowly along the coast in order to see whether this land is already inhabited or not. Now they discover a place that consists of simple round huts, and at once they approach this place.

12] They land and go ashore. The inhabitants are startled by the canon thunder and take to flight; very soon the sailors search their small huts and whatever they find is taken from them, no matter what it is and what name it may have. See. Poor, small bands of people are robbed of their entire possessions; but this is not the only scene [that opens itself up before us.]

13] These poor escapees are pursued and nearly completely annihilated, or, if everything goes well, they are at least caught; after a time and opportunity they are sold in America for a good trade price.

14] See. You already know what kind of ship this was; and you already know what it is up to. Look. It is a ship that goes out on discovery trips.

15] Now. Let this ship henceforth pursue its infamous, appalling way. Here is already another. However this ship—the one you now see—I will only show you in the Spirit; for it was already discovered by another French mariner in the year 1835 in the Mediterranean Sea and was at once destroyed. –

16] Now however, I show you this ship as it drove its terrible harm before this time in the Atlantic Ocean. Mind you, it is not the only one of its kind; presently there are about twenty ships of this type in the Atlantic waters, who bring this kind of disaster.

17] The masters of these ships are mostly Spaniards and Portuguese. Four of them are Turks. Notice. Just now this ship is leaving fully packed with slaves from the coast of Africa in order to sell them to another slave trader in America. Now see here: Scarcely two-hundred nautical miles away from the coast, it is discovered, pursued and taken captive by an English ship. ©

18] The sailors defend themselves in despair. However, it is of no use. The English ship is by far superior in power to this buccaneer-ship, and it must surrender. At once the English sailors climb onto the upper-deck of this ship, free the slaves, and bring these onto their ship; here they are under somewhat better care.

19] What will take place with this buccaneer-ship? Take a close look and you will soon discover. See how busy the English sailors are; they are commanded by their superior officer to undress the entire crew of this ship and throw their clothes into the sea. Then, after the method of the slave storage, the people are nailed to the deck with long pointed nails; however, the captain is hung by his hands onto the mast with his face looking outward and his feet secured with a rope under the mast. Moreover, as they complete the work they depart into the cabins, taking all useful items for themselves; hoisting the sails of this [buccaneer-] ship they leave to retire to their own vessel; and with the shrillest wailing screams from the deck they relinquish the buccaneer-ship to the wind. –

20] Just look and think. What must the outcome be when one cruelty against the other appears merely as a result of a cruel mood!? And think about how such scenes are played out in the face of His, Who, dying on the cross for His enemies, asks the Father to forgive them! –

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21] Are there no other means to suppress the evil of the slave trade, than these! No matter which way, it is always marked with the seal of the scarcely conceivable cruelty.

22] You will ask: what then have the slave-liberators done with the slaves? Do you think they possibly send them back to their homeland? Oh no, they did not!

23] They did not sell them¹⁷ either; instead, they kept them for their own services; for they themselves owned property in America. In this way, they came much cheaper than if they would have purchased the slaves themselves. –

24] And so notice, exceptionally great supervisory striving is currently maintained within this slave trade on the side of England. Now if such a ship, packed with slaves, is discovered, it is soon met with tremendous punishment; the slaves receive their freedom and then they are either used freely to work there or they are frequently sold out of free hand. And so, this conduct is nothing more than what the old Roman proverb says: *Scyllam prateris, Charybdim invades*¹⁸. [*He who tries to avoid Charybdis will be caught by Scylla*]. –

25] You see, I only show you this so that you can form a true concept of the so-called abolition of the slave trade. And so a disdainful businessman remains a businessman; and he does not care when he erects his shameful [ex-] change booths and junk-stores in My sanctuary.

26] Yes. If you offer a million gold pieces to such a money-hound, he will sell you the bleeding heart of his own daughter; and you dare not make another offer or he will also sell you the head of his first-born son.

27] However, you will say, is the situation on all ships so miserable? And, you will say, is there nowhere any thoughtfulness in these wobbly houses of God? –

28] I am telling you: Every ship is officiated with one, but often with several priests, who, for the sake of ceremony—as with a musical band for the sailors—is added to the ship to give it ballast. The latter designation carries the most weight, everything else is nothing but empty form; the ship's flag of origin of country is by far a greater sacred entity on the ship than the total priesthood and its wobbly religious service. By some, slightly better associates—I am only then called upon—when thundering ocean waves awake them, for a short time, out of their delirious quest for gain.

29] Incidentally, the tyranny on each ship is so common practice that if compared with an Egyptian ruler it would not lack any disgrace. This cold and dry insensitivity of the above-mentioned sailors is then called, in the moral world: The ships discipline.

30] However, I am saying in the closing of the 4th hour: No doubt, such powerful endeavours will get them nowhere. For truly, one day their [so-called] reward will not be small!

¹⁷ ¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slave_ship

¹⁸ Greek mythology meaning “suck down” as a sea monster does; or simply said: “caught between two evils” or “caught between a rock and a hard place”. Charybdis was a whirlpool monster and goddess of tides.

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And now after we have sailed about on the ocean - let us climb aboard such a slave ship and sail with the same under favourable winds to North America.

2] See here. This green strip that begins to appear: it is already a well-known easterly North American coastal-range¹⁹.

3] Observe how it becomes clearer and clearer. See. You already notice a large city, equipped with a large harbour.

4] Now see. We are finally here. See how it welters and teems with profit-addicted people on the ships, the same in the harbour and on the docksides.

5] Now look. The free slaves are brought ashore now; everybody is hurrying and running over to where the slaves are; an extremely well fed sugar-plantation owner is approaching and hiring the slaves into his service.

6] As for the captain—who exercised such humanitarian work toward the slaves²—he does not receive a purchase-price for the delivered slaves²⁰, but is instead presented with a well-fed reward for his so-called humanitarian attitudes. -

7] You see! In this way such appalling, atrocious trade is certainly getting an external humanitarian facade of human kindness and charity; but on the inside she is nothing more than the same slave trade, only under false moral politics.

8] Since the matter is conducted in such a way, we are now going to take a tiny look at such a sugar-plantation; and as not to seek for too long on our tablet, take a look over here!

9] See here. There adjacent to the city, in the middle of the tablet, is already the very important plantation of our previously seen generous patron of humanity.

10] There. Look at just a small part of his estate. See how one-hundred poor and almost naked slaves have to work there incessantly.

11] See how behind every ten slaves there is also a good-looking slave-overseer armed with gun and sword. He also holds a sharp driving whip²¹ in his hand, in case a poor slave straightens up for only a minute from the earth to ease his hard labour pain; through the steady stooping nearly all the limbs of the slaves become stiff. Here take a look; convince yourselves of how gruesome the honest, careful overseer at once sets his driving tool in motion; in this he has such a skill that every blow elicits an abundant amount of blood from the bodies of the poor, stricken slaves.

12] You may think, maybe these slaves are at least humanly nurtured so that they would get adequate strength for such works, by which Satan would have to succumb to.

¹⁹ The Appalachian Mountain range.

²⁰ See Hour 4:18.

²¹ The original word is “Hetzpeitsche”, it is a whip that was/is used to drive horse drawn carriages.

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13] I am not going to tell you, but rather I will let you see for yourself. Take a look over here at this little spot, and what you see is indeed such a slave-meal.

14] In fact, you are looking for some kind of a bowl. Not only one, but many bowls for so many slaves, which the proprietor must have bought with money. Well, such a one is asking himself, what is cheaper than a bowl?, and—thinking about it for a short while—the great speculator finds a hollowed out log, like a big long trough, more practical; and he sets it up in the yard. –

15] And now look at the meal in this long bowl; it consist of nothing other than badly cooked legumes in water; the legumes used are either lentils, beans or—on holidays—a type of gruel²².

16] As a result, this trough is filled with such a meal, and the workers are then invited by a so-called slave-rattle, or, also by whip-cracks.

17] However, it is commonly known that only the closest working slaves are invited. The ones that work in the distance are either: 1) supplied with a type of bread on which *you* would most likely suffocate, or, 2) if the work in the distance is not too urgent, they are allowed to cook their familiar noon meal over there, near where they are working, in a cottage build expressly for that purpose.

18] But notice well; the mealtime can never last longer than a quarter of an hour, except on a holiday. If someone arrives too late and the sign for work was already given, he is immediately exposed to the roughest maltreatments.

19] Only on holidays, do they to eat with wooden spoons. Now you want to know: what other reward do the slaves have? The real hard-working ones—those who, so to say, work day and night—get now and then a little rum and some fruit, and they even get a worn out jacket on holidays only.

20] This is just about the most humanitarian care these poor ones are given. For the others: a six-hour sleep and the familiar meagre meal is all they get as a reward for their work.

21] Now you will ask: with regard to the treatment of his slaves, does such a humanitarian and generous plantation manager not have a master over him? You see; I cannot show you this in the picture, but to put it bluntly: No! Rather he is, in this regard, an absolute ruler over life and death of his workers; and he has the right to execute a disobedient slave in any manner of death he chooses.

22] So that you totally realize how incredibly cruel their laws are, I show you an example of how the slaves experience such rules by the hundreds, yes, even thousands.

23] Recently, two slaves took off from such a devil because of his treatment was too satanic. A neighbourly house received the two; for this neighbourly house still had a small portion of human sentiment left in the body.

24] At once the infuriated devil proceeded to go to the authority in order to reclaim his fugitives; the neighbourly house—understanding the law well—reported at once to the authority, and—by virtue of the bitter complaints from the side of the slaves—spoke on their behalf.

25] Right away a lawsuit between both neighbours started. How do you think the wise judges decided in this matter? I am going to give you the plain judgment here so you can look at it justifiably, how it stands in the so-called educated North America.

²² A type of oats cooked in water.

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26] Here you have the judgment; it reads as follows: "In order to avoid a penalty of one-thousand pounds, the neighbour is required to hand over both fugitives, either dead or alive, to the owner. If they go, they must be brought there alive; however, in case of refusal to bring them alive, the afore mentioned neighbour must shoot them down at once, and deliver either their heads or their entire bodies to the owner; this owner can then, at his discretion, do what he wants.

27] However, if the two alleged fugitives should escape before the execution is performed, any person has the necessary legal right to shoot them at once—anywhere, on a footpath and street—wherever they happen to come across them". –

28] Now I must mention only one more thing so that you know the entire shamefulness. It was in the language of the judgment to act in discretion on behalf of the owner; what does it actually consists of? There. Take another look on My tablet over here! A little scene that you shall see is going to satisfy your question.

29] See a pond there; it is a fishpond of such a manager; and see; there lying gagged in the corner of the pond are two male slaves and one female slave; none of them have lived to reach their twentieth year.

30] At their side lies a female and a male slave and they are already dead; these are the dead parents of the young ones.

31] Look over here. The guard gets up; as you can see, the proprietor is approaching with two so-called gladiators, his two managers and several slave-overseers.

32] See. Now they arrive with terrible countenances. His command or rather his [alleged] good judgment is directed toward these poor slaves. First of all, the two dead ones are to be hacked into little pieces; and then the pieces are to be strewn into the pond as nourishment for the fishes. Thereafter the girl is to be gagged, raped by all the overseers—if they so desire—and then prepared as food for the fishes. The two boys, however, are each to be bound to a stake and beaten to death, and then they too are to be prepared as fish food. –

33] See. That is what the glorified system of [constitutional] government looks like in the highly educated North America. Now you judge: By what name would such creatures be known by?

34] Truly, My worst enemy, the prince of darkness, is a miserable bungler compared to that. And indeed, you can believe Me or not; you have heard of the possessed; you have heard that they become possessed and became devils and satans; but I say to you, no Satan could be stirred to do that in order to take such a North American humanitarian into the inner hellish domain. For in such circumstances, the lowest degree of hell is definitely more desirable for everyone than the residence of such a sugar producer!

35] You can probably make yourself a concept from this small parallel as to how such deeds and actions appear in My face!

36] Oh, I am telling you: Truly, each crumb of sugar is belayed with a thousand-fold curse from Me; for truly, if these barbarians would sell the spilled blood, in weight it would exceed the harvested sugar by a hundred-fold.

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2] Now take a glance at this point over here. See how the slaves haul kegs and large crates to the coast on the many carts. See here a heavy, wagon like cart. See how it is packed high with crates so that it looks like a small mountain. Observe how ahead of this cart forty slaves are harnessed like oxen and the slave-overseers whip and force them to speed up with the freight. Notice how at each side of this wagon-mount a crowd of slaves must secure the same with [long] forks²³ and ropes. The minute the vehicle becomes slightly noticeably unbalanced, the cruel whip will swing over their backs.

3] And look; now they are already close to the coast. It went well with the wagon. However, you did not notice, one wagon wheel shattered under the weight. Observe. Almost twenty slaves are now lying crushed under the large load of the too heavily packed wagon, and, thereupon, the other half is murderously mistreated, because they did not hold up the wagon. Also, the pulling slaves are not spared on this occasion: as you can see; and since on top of the wagon a badly build crate has scattered scarcely three lots of the sugar through a gap—due to the powerful crash—consequently, at least three slaves must pay this big damage with their lives. All guilt, which lies on these abominable overseers and their almost uninterrupted drunkenness, must these innocent lambs of mankind pay. –

4] Observe. Now the maniacs have flagellated²⁴ themselves enough; consequently, a new order is introduced, new and smaller carts are brought in and with them all these crates are brought to the coast under the howling and complaints of the slaves.

5] See. Now everything is brought there. The Englishman takes over the merchandise and validates it with the bookkeeper of the attending sugar-plantation-owner.

6] However, now these crates must also be brought onto the ship; this work is part of the trade; and once again the burden falls upon the slaves.

7] See how they lift the, often centner [or hundredweight²⁵], heavy crates into small vehicles; but fortunately for them, not one falls into the sea; this sometimes happens, especially if one or the other slave—overseers has poured too much liquor in his belly and mistreated his poor subordinates as his [despicable] amusement.

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8] If on such occasions an immense damage happens that the weakened limbs of the slaves are not able to entirely lift such a heavy crate into the vehicle, and this falls in the water: this is considered reprehensible by the overseers. Even if the slaves retrieve it at once, and not one drop of water penetrated into the content, such careless workers are either flogged nearly to death, or, sometimes shot at once and thrown into the sea, depending on the cruel mood of such overseers.

9] These poor people are only then out of danger, when all the merchandize is happily brought on board. Then, of course, the carts are taken back; and instead of the crates, the overseers themselves are camped out on it, where they carry on their revelry and their pleasure in a steady gallop; and they know which speedy cart they have to carry into execution with the crack of the whip.

10] Maybe you will ask, what happens to the ones that were trampled? I am telling you: Nothing at all, but rather, take a look over here and convince yourself with your spiritual eyes how some among them lament with broken hands and feet; they scream and howl and call for help after their manner. Do you think a surgeon is called, or they are taken to a slave hospital?

²³ Research shows this to be a long rod with prongs at the end.

²⁴ Flagellate: To whip or flog.

²⁵ A unit of weight equivalent to 50 kilogram.

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11] Oh but your wrong! These devils know a much faster way of healing than you. A stony bandage is slung around each one, and, finally, at the bottom of the sea a common water-blanket is added on top; and this way they are all healed for eternity. –

12] Now. You may still ask, when these galloping slaves have reached home with their overseers, will these poor ones at least have a time of rest or maybe a small recess?

13] You see, that is not possible in this country; but it happens more often—If the owner is a too big of a monster—that they are still abused for their carelessness under the self-satisfying command of the barbaric owner!

14] And do you want to know the true number of these unfortunates, whose lot in the sphere of misfortune absolutely does not offer any important variety?

15] Of these there are eleven million throughout the entire North American republican territories. And you must realize among these slaves are not only blacks, but there are also at least one-quarter whites among them. However, a law forbids white slavery, so white slaves must become purposely black and are [misleadingly] blackened.

16] **Now.** After we have observed almost everything, let us now climb on board the ship, which, as you can see, is sail-ready and leaving the harbour. Now notice how the sailors on top of the horizontal sail-pole [the yard²⁶] do their equilibristic²⁷ practices like tightrope walkers.

17] Observe these ocean-burned faces a little; their nakedness is covered with nothing but measly rags. See how bestial, how debased they look, as if they belong to another group of life form, other than that of the human race. See. These people are indeed the much talked about English sailors.

18] Oh mankind! Into what depths has your world-hood thrown you?! How distant are you from Me, the source of life?! How close are you to the abyss of eternal ruin?! The depth of the sea does not frighten you! My storms swish and roar in vain passed your forehead; you do not know anyone above you anymore— except you yourself! In fact, you stare far over the deceptive surface of the waves with your alleged perspicacity²⁸.

19] You prophesy the storm, and know all the reefs and sand banks in the sea. Carefree, you swim between life and death on flimsy boards over unforeseeable abysses; you do this on the fluctuating surface of the water from one world area to another; but you do not consider that I—no longer your *Father*, but your obstinate judge—am also present on board of your swimming lumber-palace.

20] You know the way, and by the furrows of the sea, you probably recognize your street. See. Your time is finished. I stir the depths of the earth with one finger, and, since you suspect nothing, I have set new and unknown reefs in your street. I the invisible helmsman, know your miserable sorry efforts; this shameful container—which is stuffed with the filth of a disgraceful hope—will hurl against the new hard brow of the, to you, unknown reef and ruin you. –

21] Oh see! This packed ship now runs into the arms of just such an unknown reef. See and do not be alarmed, as the wind drives it there as fast as an arrow. They suspect nothing since I did not raise the reef for them above the water level.

²⁶ A “Yard” is a horizontal spar on a sailing mast from which the sails are set.

²⁷ ...Like a tightrope walker ...

²⁸ ³ Keen judgement or discernment.

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22] But now see; only two more minutes and the miserable container lies with its entire content in ruins. Here take a look! See. Now with great force it crashes with the ships-bow onto the reef. See how it is completely demolished; and see how the ship begins to sink; see how these sailors struggle to unfasten the rowboats hanging on the large ship; and see how some snatch-up boards with greater speed, and, swimming in the water, bump together a raft for themselves.

23] Notice; the wreck hangs on this reef and a number of people hold tightly to the ribs of the ship as they are jutting above the water level; a smaller number of people swim on top of the meagre means of transportation toward a certain death. However, the captain and the proprietor of the cargo cower onto the protruding mast, and, gripped from utmost despair, wrestle with death now for the third day after the shipwreck, as well as all the other travelers on the ship's skeleton.

24] Do you think that one of these people begged Me for any kind of help? No! Instead, they stare into the wide open ocean to see whether or not a vehicle would appear in view. However, their gazing is in vain, for I will wisely re-direct all other vehicles so that they will not turn up in this vicinity.

25] Now see here. See how these two, crouching at the mast, wrestle one another. You will think that they seek through this wrestling to cling more firmly onto the mast. Alone this wrestling leads to no good and is called: Famine! One wants to kill the other, so that he gets something to eat.

26] And look on the ribs of the ship; there you can already see such a meal. You can see how another English merchant, whose esteemed wife clutches on him, just now devours her breasts with great greed.

27] See, this cannibalism typically continues until only one is left; and in the end, this one usually assaults and devours himself as far as he can reach; which scene usually ends in bleeding to death after a few hours. –

28] Concerning the bones: as much as possible is gnawed off, and the rest is often thrown into the sea with curses.

29] And since we now have no more life worth seeing here, let us still pursue our three vehicles, and see how they make out! –

30] Now see, there is one already. Look. Only three corps-like human beings cower in it. These are three heroes who have made it their rule not to eat one another. Since they have thrown the other company into the water, they now leave themselves scarcely alive in the hands of blind chance.

31] In order not to hold you up any longer with these three, we want to bring a quick end to them. See there, a powerful wave hits the flimsy vehicle, and a good-natured shark already longingly waits for the contents of this vehicle. It had already long escorted this vehicle as its faithful companion.

32] And now look. The wave has done its service; and the shark has devoured his long awaited prey, and so there is nothing more for us to observe, and we search for another of these vehicles.

33] You will think now: Where could it be? However, I say to you, do not worry, he who seeks with Me, will have no difficulty finding it. Now see, it is already here! Count the people who are inside the boat; it will not be hard for you to determine what is going on in the scene.

34] Why do you not count? You say that we see no one. There. Come closer and look inside the wobbly boat. See. There is nothing but gnawed off bones inside the boat, and it is only the tenth day after the

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shipwreck! You probably would like to know where the last person is that gnawed on the bones, since he surely could not have consumed himself to the bare bones. -

35] Now glance a little sideways. See. Here in the more westerly half of the tablet looms a few meters²⁹ of moss encircled reef over the sea level.

36] See. There he cowers desperately in the middle of this extremely little island, and see how he snatches up the moss and the little bit of grass and shoves it into his mouth. See. That is now the fate of this last living person; and he is also the only one, who from all the shipwrecked people will be taken alive in two days by another ship. He will be rescued so that he can bring the news as to what happened there. He is also the only one, who, on this island, began to remember Me a little.

37] And so we are leaving him there to await his rescue, and look where the raft is located. Look here! There swims the raft! See. There are no people left, except for some bones that are secured to a board with a rope; and, likewise, there in the middle of the raft is one corked bottle.

38] This bottle is here because the last survivor wrote down the demise of the ship as well as his own; and he secured himself, including the bottle, with a rope to a board; on which occasion, he, in a weak state and careless manner, tumbled with one foot into the water; yet he was able to recover for some time by holding on with his hands to the board; he hung on until, likewise, a foodie-shark digested half of his body, and finally also the other half.

39] Now we have completed our voyage. What's more, according to your saying, even death has lost its rights; there is nothing more worth observing in this scene, so we too will abandon our right to observe where death stole everything out of our eyes. Therefore, let us look around a little on the water of the tablet in front of us and move onward. We shall see whether or not there is anything memorable for you to see within swimming distance.

40] **Now**; see here! It so happens that an English ocean-liner is swimming over here; except for a sailor and a helmsman, one can see no life on deck. You would probably like to know, what is inside its tarred boards?

41] Now. Have a look! I will now thunder an Epheta³⁰ over this ship, and, at once, the ship becomes transparent as if of glass; its content is going to jump gauntly into your eyes; and so I say: Epheta!

42] See now and judge what it is and what presents itself here. Look in the lower rooms of the ship: a total of three-hundred people of both sexes are nearly naked; they are bound with heavy chains. Observe how emaciated their bodies are; count the bloodshot welts and look at the measly food, which is not given to the people day by day but rather from week to week in a smelly, scarcely one third of a half pound heavy stone-like bread³¹, next to a jug of rotten water.

43] See how in a corner an older man, at whose feet some rats have already chewed, pleads to the prison-guard for his death. See. There in another corner is a true feminine Venus, that is, after your concept of beauty. She has chains around her soft arms; she anxiously screams and implores that one should throw her into the sea or at least free one of her hands that she may wipe the biting dirt of the nose.

²⁹ Original word is "Klafter". It is an old Austrian measurement; 1 Klafter/6 feet=2.9 meter = 9.514 feet.

³⁰ Epheta; Aramaic for "Be thou opened or "will open".

³¹ Translators note: The German word here is 'Steinbode' and difficult to translate. Stein = stone, rock; brode(n) =smell, damp fume, haze, also breath or vapour. Maybe it was a kind of strong sourdough bread?!

44] What does the guard do? He takes hold of a sharp [bristle] broom, and holds it in front of her nose, that she should clean herself with it; in doing so, he scratches and smears her entire face, so that it finally becomes full of abscesses and pus. And if she complains over such treatment, she will, on top of it, be reprimanded.

45] Look down at her feet. Oh these delicate feet! See how they were held in high esteem three weeks ago by a lecherous³² and rich English reveller. Only to seduce this girl, yet of his rich promises few materialized; and so in the wickedness of his revenge he crafted such an illusion and such a way, that he brought this poor girl on fabricated charges of robbery, by means of a secret bribe of the sworn judges, there, to the ship, as you can see.

46] And just as this poor girl here is deported as a criminal, there are a few more in this group who are given similar treatment. See there. A rather young person is affixed in the opposed corner; he, who was a rich man's only heir, was brought there by his own mother with the help of one of her disgraceful lovers following the death of his father.

47] We are not going to pursue his story any further, but rather review the quite delicate feet of our pretty prisoner. See how they jolt busily—or at least make the attempt—in order to fend off the ships vermin, as did the feet of the older man; and look downward, deeper at her feet; see how, through her diligence, she has already prepared herself an entire shapely rats-cushion!

48] And do you think that those lazy ship-fiends descend to at least remove the killed vermin from off the ship? Oh no! That they would not do. Instead, they daily smoke out this unhappy part of the ship with tar; they do this in order to prevent any possible disease.

49] You may think that such inhumanity is beyond all concepts, and that physicians and priests must care that the external laws are being observed.

50] However, I say to you, that every ship in England has, as soon as it leaves the harbour, no other laws than the existing ones of the captain. It does not take long until all ship authorities blow into the same horn, or in other words, until they are in one accord of wickedness; and so, only sordidness often prevails under the same [upper] deck. In addition, no reason is needed, as was the case here, that such a young pretty deportee falls to the wild passions of the often drunk commanding officers, and lets herself be used by all imaginable lewd perfidies³³; thus, regretfully her judgment is cast for this world. – You see, now you will finally realize why the vermin is not removed from the ship. –

51] But that is not all that such a poor deportee has to cope with. On top of that her supposed comrades of both sexes often howl the most ghastly curses at her, and say that it was entirely her fault that their fate was made more intolerable.

52] Just look around a little in this funeral-chamber, and now look up into the shiny cabins of the ship's officers. See how crazy and audacious it is there.

53] Foaming wine is spraying out of their goblets. Everyone screams good wishes to the commander, and one of them also screams: To the life of our pretty prisoner! And everyone approvingly agrees with him as if possessed by lunacy.

³² A rude, grossly sensual man.

³³ Deliberate breach of faith; calculated violation of trust.

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54] And look; now the chiefs stick their heads together; what could be on their minds? You would ask. Do not worry about this secret, for it contains nothing but a sly trick, in order to win the poor beauty over.

55] And what do you think? Of what does this trick consists of? See this trick consist of none other than in the following: The beauty is soon freed from her shackles and given effective medical care. Now that she is once again clothed, she is presented with a formal marriage proposition, that she can become the wife of one or the other ship's officers.

56] The poor one does not see the fine deceit. Because of the hellish ordeal of the lower chambers, she is too terrified; and so she unites herself under a worthless consecration, not by the priest, but by one of the ship soldiers in disguise. In this way, her scam-husband is deceitfully using her; and instead of lying with her [seemingly] husband at night time, another man steps in his place; consequently, our poor prisoner, unaware of the situation, becomes a ship's-whore.

57] She certainly does not lack any food in her stomach, and she is in a happy state of mind; she believes that here she has made her good fortune; but her eyes first open up [to the truth] in Botany Bay, a coast of Australia, where she—like all the other criminals—is handed over to lifelong abuse. The fate of this unfortunate beauty follows in the seventh hour.



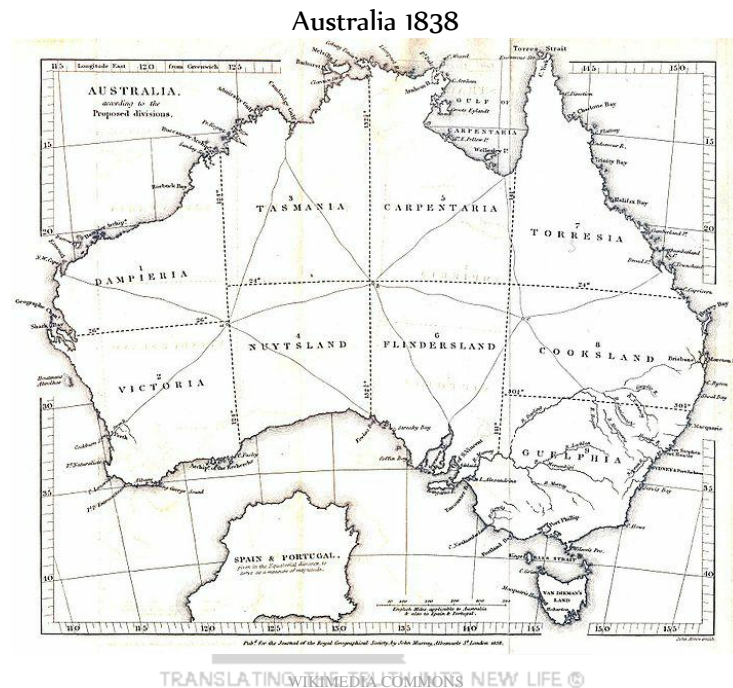
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Gather for yourselves treasures the
moths cannot eat away and rust and
decay cannot destroy. However, beware
of the goods and treasures of this
world, for they carry within them the
evil spirit of temptation leading to all
kinds of sins.

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SEVENTH HOUR – Australia

Now that we have observed enough of this ship's horrible conduct, whose meaning will surely never be strange to you, we are going to leave this scene; take a leap forward and look at this land that you see before you; it has four names³⁴. According to your [geographical] determination, it lies between the 131st and 171st degree easterly longitude, as well as between the 10th and 30th degree southerly latitude³⁵.



2] You need to know all this because you are not yet familiar with the condition, natural layout, or the climatic ratios; and so, look on this—well known to you—tablet! –

3] Take a good look. The region represented to you here is the real Australia, South India, Oceania and Polynesia. See the southern part of this land; see how it still consists of immense puddles and morasses, in which, if you will look real close, you discover countless amounts of poisonous monstrosities and all kinds of bothersome insects. –

4] See how a little farther south, a large number of coral ring islands extend almost to the South Pole region³⁶. This is the reason the southern coast of this country cannot be circumnavigated, as it is also impossible to reach this southern coast by land³⁷, because the shoreline is not a suitable shore [—either too soft or too steep—] to explore its conditions in this way.

³⁴ Australia del Espiritu Santo” meaning South Land of the Holy Spirit (De Quiros, 1606)?!

³⁵ Australia’s Latitude/Longitude 35° 31S, 149° 13E.

³⁶ Believed to be the Indian Ocean atolls, coral atolls or barrier reefs?!

³⁷ Believed to be the Nullarbor Plain on the Great Australian Bight?!

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5] Overall acquaintance or exploration is made even more difficult because this country usually consists of unforeseeable plains, which—only here and there—are interrupted with little, insignificant hills. Important mountains definitely do not exist in this country, only a few corals and shale-cliffs at the coasts.

6] This up until now known country³⁸ has within the continent a surface area of nearly 200,000 square miles³⁹ on which two million and some sixty thousand people live.

7] The most habitable regions are generally located on the east coast⁴⁰. These regions may already be more or less known to you: for instance the colonies under the names of Carpentaria⁴¹, Arnhem-Land⁴², Witsland⁴³, Edelsland⁴⁴, Eendrachtland⁴⁵, Leeuwin-Land⁴⁶, Nuytz-Land⁴⁷, Flindersland⁴⁸, Baudinland⁴⁹, Grantsland⁵⁰, and some other less well known names of no importance.

8] Located on the east coast is a landing place⁵¹ under the name of Botany Bay⁵², at which location—already over a span of scarcely 10 years until now—the English have banished 170,000 criminals; and from there they were dispersed to various colonies.

9] But not only has this easterly coast served for such a purpose, the deportees are also preferred and shipped out to the west.

10] There. See a river that runs into the ocean⁵³. It is the so-called Swan River⁵⁴. On its banks you see a city that is almost finished. From that city⁵⁵, colonization is achieved through criminals who are brought there; but this is done with much worse success than on the east coast. Usually, it is only England's worst scoundrels who are sold to here; this is all done in opposition to a combined undertaking between the Hol⁵⁶ and Netherlanders [the Dutch] – to whom this coast belongs⁵⁷—in order to cultivate the highly unmanageable area.

11] A city is being built on the east coast, namely on Botany Bay; she is called Sidney, like the entire New South Wales coast.

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³⁸ Australia.

³⁹ Or 517-997 km²

⁴⁰ The German version reads “east” coast (Ostkueste), the Translator believes this to be a print error since all the mentioned colonies are on the north, west and south coast of Australia, and were first discovered by the Dutch in the 17th century.

⁴¹ Queensland.

⁴² Northern Territory.

⁴³ Western Australia on the South Indian Ocean.

⁴⁴ Now called Tamala, Western Australia on the South Indian Ocean.

⁴⁵ Now called Dirk Hartog Island, Western Australia on the South Indian Ocean.

⁴⁶ In Western Australia on the South Indian Ocean (1622).

⁴⁷ In South Australia on the Southern Ocean.

⁴⁸ In South Australia on the Southern Ocean.

⁴⁹ In Western Australia on the South Indian Ocean.

⁵⁰ In South Australia & Victoria on the Southern Ocean.

⁵¹ Sydney Harbour

⁵² First named *Sting Rays* Harbour then changed to “Botany” Bay according to the abundance of plants found by Sir J. Banks.

⁵³ South Indian Ocean.

⁵⁴ In Western Australia.

⁵⁵ Perth W. A.

⁵⁶ A former southern province of Holland.

⁵⁷ The Dutch discovered Australia in 1606.

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12] However, for now, just remember the westerly point; for after we see our prison-hulk [ship] land in Botany Bay, we will want to focus over there where the human conditions are unimaginably worse than on the east coast.

13] But before we take a closer look at this major spectacle, I want to closely familiarize you with the country itself; I do this so that you can easily form a more realistic concept as to what it is called and what it wants to say, and then we shall see whether the deportees who are brought there are guilty or innocent. -

14] Now see here. See how the interior of this land looks! You think these countless fields before your eyes are nothing but brush forests.

15] I am saying: O No! It is grass; and do not be surprised if here and there you see grass that is three to four men high.

16] This grass resembles the so-called reed-grass. It is nearly impossible to eradicate until it is dry, and then only through fire. However, the fire must be ignited at a time when the north winds blow, because the south winds will suffocate the fire.

17] Surely, you would also like to see a tree forest. Such forests are only in small numbers here; and the trees that grow especially toward the more southern regions are often barely as big and high as some grass, and they produce very little edible fruits.

18] Frequently, you find in the northern region as well as on the east coast already different cultivations, which do not grow properly, and therefore, little by little also noticeably change its nature.

19] The pears often become completely woody and wider at the stem than at the crown. As for the cherries, the seeds often grow outside on the skin and the fruit itself becomes watery. These and other perhaps strange sounding variations suffer along with many other types of cultivated plants. The, to you, little known snake-nuts⁵⁸ prosper very well, as well as the coconuts on the northern coast; Indian figs⁵⁹, the so-called St. Johns-bread⁶⁰ and a type of melon-plums also grow abundantly.

20] However, lots of care must be taken to insure that a certain red insect does not puncture the snake-nuts. If such a pricked nut falls to the earth, a highly toxic new type of plant comes of it, which plant is ten times worse than the so-called Bohonupas⁶¹. The leaves release a brutal, devastating, poisonous vapour as soon as it is just one shoe-length high above the earth. It not only kills all animals and people who came near, but also causes a most intense devastation to the plants, often within a radius of 1 hour. In a short time not even a stone moss-plant will come forth; instead everything withers and becomes a type of ash.

21] The good fortune about this plant is that it does not flourish for longer than half a year; instead it will die as soon as winter sets in and therefore renders it harmless.

22] Now that we have looked a little at the world of plants, let us now take a small look at the animals. -

⁵⁸ The fruit of a Sapindaceous tree (*Ophiocaryon paradoxum*), the embryo of which resembles a snake coiled up.

⁵⁹ Curtain Fig tree, part of the Strangler fig family.

⁶⁰ Carob bean or locust bean.

⁶¹ The Poison tree; bohon-upas, (*Antiaris toxicaria*)

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23] First of all, look how the air swarms with large white eagles⁶² which far exceed any of their kind in power and agility; their voracious appetite is especially big in the winter time, so much so, that in the interior of the land they attack people like flying wolves.

24] In addition to them, there is another species of vicious birds, which almost have the appearance of an ostrich⁶³; instead of feathers, they have hair, and some have no wings⁶⁴ at all, others, however, have wings like a bat. –

25] These birds often have more than one klafter [or 1.90 meter] long legs, and with such can effortlessly run very fast: up to 10 miles in one hour. When they have reached their prey, they beat on it with one leg, and then devour the meal. Other swarms of smaller and more harmless birds do not need to be mentioned.

26] Among others, there is one [uncommon] four-footed mammal⁶⁵ with a strong beak; bird-wolf would be a better name for it. This animal is, in its type, crueller than every tiger.

27] However—regarding the ground and the swamp—this is a true homeland for snakes, and all types of lizards; among them many species with wings; they are not all poisonous, but are more or less harmful.

28] In the interior, one frequently finds large type of bats, which are very poisonous and have an anaesthetizing effect in their gazes; this effect is worse than that produced by the rattlesnake. If someone should venture to look into such a bat's eye, he soon falls to the ground as if sedated by a strong drink; and if no one comes to help and kills the flying bat, it will soon suck out the last drop of blood from its victim; it will then fly away satiated, with a high whistle. –

29] Regarding the climate, this land is a true chameleon; except for some eastern and northern areas, the land is so unpredictable that in some regions someone can experience all five types of weather zones in one day.

30] As to why everything is so oddly shaped here, this will be revealed to you in its appointed time; however, you may remember this in advance: I linked entirely different purposes with certain countries of the earth, instead of being ravished by men's shameful greediness before its time.

31] Nonetheless, if the people in their madness penetrate prematurely into countries, which have not yet become ripe, it serves them right when they set out to live like neglected children who consume unripe fruit and poisonous berries. However, as I said already, various things will be made known to you with the next opportunity.

32] **Now** see. At the same time we were cavorting in this country, the ship that is already known to you threw its anchors in Botany Bay harbour; and look! There it is already! For when everything comes into viewpoint, one does not need a long trip in order to be at a certain place. –

33] Now look very closely! Once again, I will speak the Epheta, and look; again, the prison hulk has become transparent all the way to the bottom. Above all, take a good look at our lovely, as-it-were

⁶² White-bellied Sea-Eagle.?!

⁶³ Emu.

⁶⁴ Called vestigial wings.

⁶⁵ Platypus.

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spouse! See how weak she is, scarcely able to raise herself out of her seat. Now enter a little into the cabin of the captain.

34] See. Already three colonists along with the captain glance over the list, in fact in the presence of the local governor. Now look! Twenty names are crossed out, among them our old man⁶⁶; but our lovely deportee has not been crossed out.

35] See. Now the governor and the colonists sign and confirm the list; the prison guards allocate themselves below, free the prisoners—in that they tie-up their hands behind their backs—and, in such a way, drive them onto the upper deck of the ship.

36] Now look! The prison guards also step into the chamber of our pretty deportee, inform her of her lot in life, rob her of the dresses, and bind her hands; she then faints in despair regarding her fate, and they then drag her to the other prisoners on deck.

37] See how she collapses before her alleged husband. She pleads with all her might and power—in a way that is only possible by a female heart—informing him of all sorts of things. She tells him, how innocently she was convicted to this place of horror, and how he has used her misfortune so shamefully: she, who was as pure as the sun, to have been used worse than a bordello-whore for the English sailors!

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38] Look! And learn a lesson from a person, who confesses to be of the Christian religion! - See, how he proudly commands the prison guard to plug the mouth of the screaming beast; and—if she does not behave very quietly like the others—she is to have thirty blows administered unto her with the whip, at once!

39] See here, the effect of her request! See, how with a rope over her chest and feet she is tied to a smaller mast by two henchmen⁶⁷; and see how the prison guards whip the poor unfortunate deportee countless times in a shamefully cruel manner.

40] Now look. After her feet are completely cut from top to bottom with the sharp whip, she is untied; and, along with the other criminals, she is immediately lifted on ropes over board into smaller vehicles. And so, in a bleeding state she is brought to this unhappy land, and is at once allotted and made available from the governor to the appropriate colonist.

41] Do you think that anyone brought her to a hospital? You are wrong there! The bandage on such wounds exists in nothing other than this: she is allowed to sit for one half hour in the sea, where it is very shallow. This is the famous healing cure in that land. It does help! Yet think of the burning pain, especially for such a sensitive girl!

42] Now we are finished here. We only want to take a small look at what is going to happen to these unhappy people. See. There in the interior, approximately a hundred miles from the coast, there see, how these poor prisoners must fight with their tools under the direction of several overseers with all the little known evils in this land that have already been described to you; it is, as if they stand between two fires.

43] Your saying truly states: It is sink or swim! Why would such a leading colonist care whether twenty or thirty of his subordinates are consumed by snakes—while most are still tied up in fetters—or

⁶⁶ See Hour 6:43 - he died during the long voyage.

⁶⁷ Also known as bailiff.

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whether they often sink into swamps within the several-meters-high grass, or whether one or the other is attacked and torn apart by the well-known eagles; or else if by the eradication of the somewhere sprouting poisonous plant – multiple prisoners die.

44] Look. Such a colonist is doing little or nothing at all about it; he does not care because, for his house, he is adequately looked after, even without such newly added workers.

45] If he can reclaim an important part of the country through such new attempts of pressing forward [to gain more land], it is just right for him. However, if it backfires through all the cruel attempts, he really does not care much; he does not care since he is, as he said himself, taken care off.

46] You may think that if such criminals have reclaimed a new piece of land, the same piece of land would then perhaps become one or the other's property with interest.

47] I say, O No. Such a colonist is using the land for an entirely different purpose. He is erecting, here and there, some workers' cottages; but regarding the ground: it is his own, from A to Z.

48] The workers have nothing but the most miserable, scarcely enjoyable meals; and sometimes—if they do not want to starve—they catch snakes and lizards, cut off the heads, roast them over straw fire, and consume this meat with the greatest of appetites. Truly once again the saying holds true: *Hunger is the best cook.*

49] Yes. With some this hunger often goes so far that they do not even take the time to roast a snake; but after the head, skin and innards are removed, it is consumed at once.

50] A new plague for these poor people is that they run into aboriginals—especially in the northern part; they are good archers, and with poisoned arrows they drive the captives back, or capture them and consume them, raw.

51] See here. These poor prisoners have to suffer such “conveniences” without number and or measure. The punishments they receive from their managers and overseers on top—which are even much more inhumane than with the North Americans—can not be compared with the afflictions of this country. –

52] And see. Our poor deportee is also here by one of the grass-shearing jobs. To you, grass-shearing is a joyful work. However, the workers here have to work with real grass jungles; within their impenetrable thickets house an immense number of enormously pricking insects—especially in the summer time—which then attack these naked workers to such an extent, that after a few days nothing more than the connected skeleton remains.

53] However, if this cultivation takes place in the winter—in fact through the fire season—it frequently happens that the fire often becomes so powerful that the flames wallow for hours through the arid grass. Moreover, if the poor people who set the fire do not quickly take flight, they are either completely burned or sustain severe burn injuries all over their bodies.

54] The worst, however, is this: If the fire smothered somewhere, the poor person who set the fire must often then run for hours over the scorching hot ash in order to re-ignite and fan the suffocated fire.

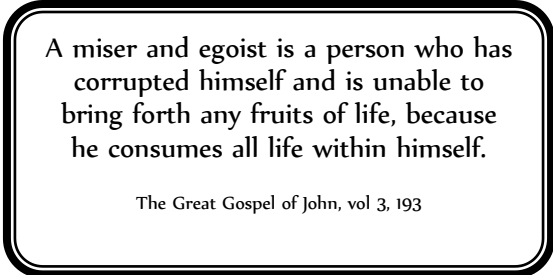
55] They are allowed to fasten a type of wooden board to the sole of their feet; but often these wooden boards are already burned half way through the course, and then it is all the same; their soles are often burned in spite of it to the leg.

56] Many other innumerable sorrows and illnesses that are indigenous to this country are best not reflected on! As for the west coast I do not need to say any more, other than that it is ten times more inhumane there than on the east coast; for this reason the colonization there is making very abysmal progress.

57] You see. From all of this one can only blame the shameful greediness of the so-called “moral” and even “Christian” people.

58] That I am not able to look at such horror any longer, you will easily understand without much thought. For truly, the people have stacked their sins already into the third heaven. I do not need to say any more

59] **Therefore**, we say Amen for today. The eighth hour will reveal even greater and stranger things!



A miser and egoist is a person who has corrupted himself and is unable to bring forth any fruits of life, because he consumes all life within himself.

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EIGHTS HOUR – Oceania and Polynesia

After we have looked at and examined the mainland of Australia, we still want to pay a short visit to more significant islands, in order to see what is happening there.

2] I said only the more important island-states; because there are many countless little islands in this ocean, which are totally controlled either by the mainland or, as well, by the larger islands⁶⁸.

3] In fact, from all the thousands of little islands in this ocean, you will not find very many islands that have not been gnawed at and poked around in by this well-known chief European despotic nation.

⁶⁸ Oceania and Polynesia

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4] This leading world-rummaging nation has left those islands more or less alone, after they thoroughly searched and convinced themselves that there was nothing for their rat's-jaw to gnaw on.

5] See: Look, here on the tablet; I will spread out the entire earth from pole to pole before your eyes and not one point shall be concealed.

6] See here! The vast expanse between Asia, Australia and America; see the many little islands; see how they peek forth as the stars in the firmament above the immense shimmering surface of the water! However, so that you have a concept as to the commercial greed of this world-rummaging nation, I will also adjoin the names in writing to each island, as the gluttonous [or avaricious] discoverers placed them.

7] Now read! See all the still uninhabitable and farthest hiding places on earth! Look only on the writing, and you will immediately convince yourselves to which nation of the earth all climates are accessible. These people do not care whether their sails start burning from the heat under the equator, or whether—on the other side [of the world]—they freeze three quarters of a year between icebergs and their ships often lie buried many meters under snow.

8] In short, you will find very few names, other than those given by these world-changers. Therefore, we still want to go to the important island states, in order to observe the actions of this nation.

9] See. Here is a big, important island above the north-easterly part of Australia; it is under the name of New Guinea. This island is also considered a part of Australia. She has few mountains—and in its creation—it is younger than Australia, because Australia is just a little over three-thousand years old; the island of Guinea, however, is close to seven-hundred years younger.

10] However, this country was discovered by some Asian people beforehand, thus the English and the Dutch found it much more cultivated than the mainland of Australia itself was later found to be. It was by now very natural that such a find was promptly taken into full possession through the canon thunder of this world-domineering nation. TRANSLATING THE TRUTH INTO NEW LIFE ©

11] Of course, no deportees are dropped off here; but the poor inhabitants of this island are by no means better off than the slaves in North America.

12] To some extent these people are educated; however, not for the sake of their own good in the so-called Christian religion, or in other sciences, instead they are educated for one reason only which is: the same reason with which you train young wild horses⁶⁹, in other words, to become more adept and useful, to carry English loads, and to work and to fight for them. In addition, when the masters live in debauchery, the servants too become part of the reward [of their devious domination]. After the work is completed, the reward is often worse than what your own beasts of burden receive.

13] You see, these major world dealers definitely do not want to eat the bread in view of their own sweat. Instead, they prefer to raise themselves up with idle hands at all ends of the earth; they tear their mouths wide open and allow themselves to be fed by the unfairly subjugated nations; and they, as you would say, chase the roasted birds right into the jaw. –

14] Now look over here in the middle of the tablet. There is the island all drawn-out. Look. The nearly entirely naked labourers must perform the heaviest work under the glowing rays of the sun.

⁶⁹ Translators note: Young, wild horses are “broken” into submission.

15] See: Many must climb around in the trees, and gather a type of wool⁷⁰, which is here much nicer and finer than a similar tree in east India. Again see: Others over here are busy nearly day and night with the cultivation of the sugarcane. See again: Here others must dig for gold and all sorts of gems in the depths of the earth.

16] And see here again: Others must carry their idle masters around in sedan chairs⁷¹ like beasts of burden. And here again: Others are used in the construction of fortresses and large storehouses, and often are miserably abused for the worst pay.

17] There are many situations that are far more miserable; alone if you still add this and if you then look at this little small piece in the right light, [you will see] that this world-addicted nation operates with almost all the conquered island countries in a political manner, such as the Romans once did in regard to the pagan worship.

18] After they convinced themselves that the heathen people on an island are of a good-natured type, very little is mentioned about Christendom, instead they educate themselves in their heathenistic form of belief. Moreover, if they now gain insight through this form of belief that such a miserable religion would be more useful for their large world-purse than Christianity, they say, like My dear [servant] Paul: We want to be all [everything] with all [everybody] in order to win something from all [everyone]. Certainly *not like* Paul, who wanted to *be* all [everything] to all [everyone], in order to win them [all] for Me; but, as already stated, from all [everyone] all [everything].

19] Only if a heathen religion has very selfish principles, will they make sure that the Christian religion is preached with the heaviest of canon-calibers. If this heathen nation has accepted the Christian religion, it is then commonly understood that all comprehensive reward is due to the [so-called] announcers of salvation.

20] And so, look again on the tablet. See: Again another island. She is called New Britain, and there, somewhat further up, another island: she is named New Ireland⁷². I mean, you do not have to ask around for too long in order to find out who the masters of these two important islands are.

21] Look. Further down again there is another important island, surrounded by several smaller islands: called New Caledonia⁷³. You do not have to ask who the masters of these important countries are, and what it is like over there. Just look partly to North America, Australia, and New Guinea.

22] Now look down south; here in the easterly part of Australia is an important, but very sparse and difficult to access island called: Van-Diemens Land⁷⁴. See: It does look rather meagre; therefore, the Dutch are *allowed* that this island carries a Dutch name, but nothing else.

23] However, despite the Dutch name the English have chosen the best landing place for themselves. Only the western part remains open and duty-free for the Dutch.

24] But with regards to the importance of catching fish in the east: there the English know quite well to immerse their nets into the sea. –

⁷⁰ Translators note: Semul (*Salmalia malabarica*), or (red) Silk Cotton tree.

⁷¹ Also known as palanquins or litter (a human vehicle).

⁷² Part of Papua New Guinea

⁷³ Territory of New Caledonia and Dependencies

⁷⁴ Today: Tasmania (discovered by Abel J. Tasman who was sent by van Diemen to explore Terra Australis; who also discovered New Zealand.

25] Now we are leaving this island, and turn somewhat southward; there you see two very important islands side by side, which are separated only by the so-called Cook Strait⁷⁵.

26] It is New Zealand; and look a little further south, there is a rather significant island under the name of Cornwallis. You see, the English have left these islands in a free sovereignty in order to produce an important grain tribute⁷⁶. In other words, the rulers of these islands are left in their official offices for different reasons.

27] The main reason is this: the government of these extremely remote countries is of no cost to the English, and by virtue of their very hospitable attitude—as already mentioned earlier—they were very well accepted, and for this reason, Christianity makes very poor progress here.

28] The large operating costs interconnected with such voyages are the second reason why this world-addicted nation has not yet undertaken any more forceful, thundering expeditions against these countries.

29] The third reason is that: this country is not easily accessible for large ships because of the frequent storms and the many cliffs and sandbanks. –

30] And so there are many different kinds of selfish reasons as to why these remote but very fruitful Zealanders did not fall into the despotic claws of this world-famous nation.

31] But now see: there are already some English ships on route to these countries; these ships are a cross between cargo-ships and warships—as you can see. They come because by now the grain and other usable fruits have already been harvested there. You already know, that your springtime is autumn there.

32] See: It so happens that these ships arrive there just in time. Count them and see how many there are. Look a caravan of large and small ones, 170 in number; but in order for you to take in all their actions, I will accelerate this shipping in the spirit.

33] Now take a look: we are already here at the site. See how these poor people—most of them are still genuine Cainites⁷⁷—hurry to the coast fully laden with baskets, sacks and crates intentionally left behind by the English, in order to call upon the alleged tribute to the supposed gods. For these unfortunate people hold these world fanatics to be beings of a more superior type, who have descended from the clouds by means of their beautiful swimming houses, so that they—according to their opinion—can receive the sacrifices owed to them at the end of their world.

34] They conclude that these beings are of superior type, because thunder and lightning came forth spectacularly from their houses and they threw powerful thunder-wedges⁷⁸, as out of the clouds.

35] Since the tribute-takers are familiar with such population-weaknesses, they make their arrival known through the canon thunder. As soon as they have crammed everything into their ships after a stay of some weeks, these poor people receive another magnificent canon and rockets spectacle as payment. This 'reward' display is then saying to the residents that the gods received a sufficient sacrifice.

⁷⁵ Separates New Zealand's North Island and South Island.

⁷⁶ ²Grain-toll.

⁷⁷ Decedents from Cain, Genesis 4 and in the Qur'an 5.

⁷⁸ Cannonballs.

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36] However, so that such a gratuitous finding is not captured by another nation, the small islands that surround these big islands are equipped with English forts⁷⁹.

37] And so these large countries are in themselves trapped forever. At some [strategic] points, wherever it is possible to land in these countries, the English have set up their firing powers in all directions.

38] But where the country is inaccessible—as already stated—there is no need for sentinels. Consequently, these world—and water—fanatics, in spite of the sovereignty of these countries, are looked upon as the rulers from the coast to the interior.

39] Of course, they do not practice any cruelty here; in other words, they do not swing their slave-whip and hell-torch over these poor people; but I say: Precisely here is the place where these people have marked themselves to be the leading monsters of the earth.

40] For as long as any person tyrannizes his fellow men out of covetousness and greed, he is most certainly to be compared to a devil who is surely a servant of Satan. It is at least for certain, no matter how appalling the tyranny may be, that the mistreated part will at least be humiliated to the last innermost drop of marrow; and he is—although in a tyrannical way—being taught the concept of Christendom⁸⁰, in spite of this adversity such poor people endure their misery in consideration of My cross.

41] But where out of disgraceful greed a population is fully excluded from all higher [spiritual] Light, and on the other hand the oppressors—in their lying ways—will broadcast to all the world what kind of a blessed progress such a nation is making, while in secret they are left all the while in shameful darkness, listen, no devil is able to carry out such stunts; instead a grand master's hand must take over the work. -

42] See: That is and belongs to the greatest horrors of earth! Truly, such a tyrant who is in need of killing a thousand innocent people throughout an entire year with the most horrific martyr-tools, that his torment is so despicable no men's tongue is able to voice it, I would sooner show him mercy, than such monsters from the rear-end of the prince of hell.

43] You do not entirely realize how far this unspeakable cruelty goes: If you would see how the people are suspended by their feet on a construction mast on another island so that the head extends down to the earth; subsequently they are consumed by an indigenous type of small green ants, and often give up the ghost on the sixth or seventh day under the most unspeakable pain; and then remain hanging there, until the ants consume the last drop of marrow.

44] Yes, I am telling you: Your hair would stand snow white on ends if you would see another place, where the people are held to a large grinding stone and are grounded together to the last fibre. Yes; you would without doubt close your eyes, if on another island you would find people with bound arms and feet hanging from tree branches by their genitals; and yet the feminine gender, through which labia they pulled a rope, is then hereafter hung from the feet of the male gender. -

45] I could tell you of immense numbers of like cruelties; you would see nothing but all sorts of crucifixions, through which the people's earthly lives are taken. -

⁷⁹ Or Citadels

⁸⁰ Translators note: Sermon on the Mount, Matthew:5.

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46] But look: All these cruelties are scarcely viewed as a dewdrop against the world ocean, which is, in fact, poor humanity's spiritual maltreatment. For if someone likes to separate one limb after another from the body, the body will only endure such torture up to a certain degree.

47] Once it becomes too much to bear for the soul, she will before long release herself from her shell in union with the spirit. Hereafter, the tyrant can pinch, whip, burn, and grind the body; in short, the tyrant can then do whatever cruelty he likes and wants to do with the victim; it is no different than if one of you does the same to his own coat after he took it off; this is because the body is only able to feel pain for as long as the soul is fixed firmly in the same body.

48] As already stated, as soon as she has risen [from her body], after it has become too unbearable for her, all the pain stopped.

49] The sheer mistreatment of the soul and the spirit, in order to enslave or shackle the immortal spirit for such an profit-seeking and avaricious⁸¹ purpose [or application], is more, yes I say endlessly more cruel than all physical cruelties that are committed on the entire earth. Do you think it is hereafter [in heaven] easy to convert such slaves-spirits in their freedom⁸²? –

50] Oh look: The human spirit is a free spirit; however, once he has taken a direction, who is going to change it, in order not to ruin the spirit? –

51] And just think how the Father's heart must be, when He must idly watch like a solicitous landlord as the hail destroys His fruits.

52] Therefore, I say: Beware, you tyrants, you will share your fate with your brothers—the devils. Unendingly woe unto you; you rulers who have the power in your hands to bring a true light to all the people of the earth and yet you do not do it; instead, out of filthy greed and world-desire, hurl the world into even greater labyrinths of darkness, as they were before you found them in their innocence.

53] Yes, I say again: unending woe unto you! When payday comes for you: truly, you will receive what My Deity is able to invent and to think up in the innermost depth of its fiery wrath! I do not need to say any more.

54] The highest abomination is, for a man to bring his own god. I have nothing further to say to you.

55] Using My Word for the lowest, avaricious, and stingy purposes is like all preceding scenes [I have shown you in these hours], which is the utmost repulsion; I definitely do not need to say anything else! –

56] And this evil depravity involves all other island-states except for Japan—which we will deal with in the ninth hour; so is the situation nearly the same as with the previous islands, except for one island in the middle of the world ocean under the name of Otaheite⁸³ [or *O' tahiti*].

57] The situation on this island is virtually the same as in New Zealand; only here one has—as some point—introduced them to the first European weapons practice; and now and then also to Christianity. For this island—as small as it is compared to all the other islands—is now providing nearly all English

⁸¹ Extreme greed for wealth or material gain.

⁸² Spirits are ever evolving in the hereafter.

⁸³ Tahiti [French Polynesia]

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island-states with sulfur and the best nitre⁸⁴; for this reason they have build very important gunpowder factories there. The reason is that the soil of this island is nearly pure sulfur since it has one of the largest volcanoes; this volcano's crater has a circumference of several hours, and is always full of glowing lava.

58] And so, today's 8th hour is enough for you; for by virtue of the little introduction that I have both physically and mentally given you, the following 9th hour will provide you with [even] clearer information. Amen.

Who loves life because of the world
will lose the life of the soul.

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NINTH HOUR - Japan

After we have wandered through the southern part of the earth, and you observed the situations—more in the spiritual than in the natural [sense of perception]—we once again return to the northern hemisphere of the earth; and, as previously mentioned, we will pay a short visit to the island nation of Japan.

2] However, as you know by now, we do not require years or month to get there; just take a good look on the well-known tablet; the entire pagan-island nation already lays spread out before your eyes.

3] Just take a look at the coasts. See, how scary they stare down at the stormy sea from their high cliff-pinnacles⁸⁵. Look all around and you will notice very few points where the surface of the land and sea are at the same level.

4] See: Here in the south is one single accessible landing point; to this landing point some foreign nations—by virtue of the inner state of mind—can also guide their ships here.

⁸⁴ Nitre [saltpetre -salt peter] or sal-nitre, used in gunpowder.

⁸⁵ ...or merlon[s].

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5] As to the few other landing-points for native people: They are, first of all, barely or often not accessible at all. Secondly, this so-called most severe and most just government does not allow that foreigners berth anywhere else but on the determined landing-place.

6] The reasons for this are: primarily so that these strange [and different] people do not desecrate these places; and secondly, so that the foreigners do not become aware of these other smaller landing points and cause a threat to them, and cause inevitable damage and downfall.

7] However, the third reason is: This ruler thinks he is in the sole possession of all the arts, trades and secrets, and so he is in the constant stingy fear that if such things would be revealed to strangers it would be the end of his affluence. Therefore, he decided on only one landing point, where—according to his opinion—such extraordinary products can be negotiated out of specially deserved pity.

8] For he is of the firm opinion—as well as the whole nation—that he alone is located at the centre of the world. He believes that all the strangers of the whole world must come to him in order to buy his exceptional national-products. In so doing, the strangers then possess an exceptional merchandize and form their own concept from this acquired possession, and then recognize to what level of perfection and thoroughness this central-kingdom of the earth is cable of thriving. Yes: He is in fact of the opinion, that the people of the earth do not possess the ability nor suspect that they have the knowledge to manufacture a simple reed-basket.

9] Even if he receives word that the foreign ships are exceptionally and artistically constructed, the reporter always receives a thrashing for such a message, because such a report is seen as an obvious insult to his majesty. If he then orders one or two commissioners there in turn, to secretly convince himself whether or not the matter is true,

10] and they return with the same message and confirm the report, then such a confirmation is regarded as a formal national treason. This emperor then says: How is it possible that these stupid foreigners have come into the secretive scientific possession to construct houses out of wood which carry them over the tides of the sea, if such was not betrayed to the foreigners through one of my subjects?!! Only we have such understanding, we, the chosen people of the centre of the earth!

11] At once investigations-commissioners from the capital and residence city are ordered into all three regions; they are sent in order to strictly examine the coastal people, from which such betrayal is thought to have come.

12] If the commissioners find nothing, they too are ruthlessly beaten upon their return; and then they are released of their service for three years. Within that time, they must study their buttocks off and that under the most rigorous professors of the world.

13] Following the completed study time, an exceptionally severe examination takes place; he who passes the examination is once again employed; however, he who fails the examination is again beaten, and then he must begin the studies over again. –

14] While such commissioners must endure their required penalty-studies, other representatives are, at once, graciously appointed.

15] This appointment happens in the following manner: Namely, nine so-called novices are called before his most just and most harsh majesty; and the same ruler then tests them orally.

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16] This examination consists in the following: First, itemizing all manufactured products of the country, and describing how they are made. Then they must literally name and itemize all mountains, rivers, valleys and plains, all animals, whether tame or wild, all trees, plants and herbs. Furthermore, they must exactly indicate the names of all subjects and where each is located, and what he possesses.

17] Finally, they must recite the entire name of the emperor⁸⁶; which is actually the most difficult for the novices. The reason is, that this name is so long that one can scarcely write it down, with an average size handwriting, on a minimum one-mile long strip of paper with one syllable; it contains all of the conceited endlessly long clan-lineage, then all things and businesses of the country, as well as the names of all his subjects.

18] If you consider this, you will realize the effort that is required on the memory, in order—as you would say—to memorize, this name.

You now want to ask, why such a long name!?-

19] This can easily be explained to you, because he—namely, the emperor—has all his entire glory, history and possession recorded in it.

20] Other people in the country also have very long names; but theirs cannot be longer than that of the emperor, due to punishment by death.

21] Therefore, much study is given to the name of the emperor, so that they can compare the length of their own names with the name of the emperor.

22] And if someone, also of very old origin, finds that his name is longer than the emperor's, he then carries his name-protocol with torn robe and howling voice before the emperor and pleads for punishment and for the complete annihilation of his name.

23] If the emperor measures the name with a circle and finds, that it is actually two Klaftern [or 4.148 yards] longer than his, then six Klaftern ⁸⁷[or 12.444 yards] are cut off of the name and burned; then the petitioner receives—most graciously—the right amount of beatings, and consequently thereafter also receives his shortened name. —

24] **And** once again, we return to our novices. If three or four pass the test, they will at once receive, as you would say in your language: Their appointed [employment] decree. With this presentation also comes the immediate duty to proceed as commissioners to the location and place of the so-called betrayal, in order to discover the earlier discussed national-betrayal. -

25] However, it seems that these [novices] are only smarter—by a hair—than the former; they usually linger at this investigation for one to three years, and during this time think of a clever ploy to bamboozle their emperor. When they return, they usually bring along several bribed witnesses who will testify that after this dreadful event lightning hit the place three times, and that subsequently everyone in attendance praised the great god in the sun for performing such a great sign to the glorification of the great sovereign before its people.

26] Now, you will perhaps ask: Why were the first three not as smart as the successors? -

⁸⁶ Mikado.

⁸⁷ Austrian Klafter [old measurement] = 1.8965 meter or 1.8965 meter = 74.665 inch = 2.074 yard.

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27] And you will be astonished if I say to you: The first three were actually cleverer than their successors. They are now immediately freed from their studies; and they are personally acknowledged from the emperor's own mouth as complete authorities and most knowledgeable scientific statesmen; they have in this way, arrived to the highest honour; through this honour they are allowed to touch the dress of the monarch four times a year, and are thereby freed from all further beatings. Even if they did not accomplish the affairs of the state as their successors, it makes no difference because the only deciding factor is their great loyalty.

28] However, the successors then attain the status of real-employed-state-officials⁸⁸ on the heels of their predecessors. Do not even think that this is something insignificant in this country.

29] An official, who is allowed to touch the dress of the emperor four times a year, is someone so extraordinary in this country, that if he walks on the street or is carried in a sedan-chair, all people—in punishment of their life—must bow down before him on their face. A word spoken from him to someone is to some extent so extraordinary, that the person often does not leave the place for three days, where he received such mercy.

30] If the word was unfavourable, in other words, if the official has voiced a reprimand, an unpleasantness such as an animal name, or another dishonourable word to a person, then the person in question immediately begins to howl and lament and asks the high official for a most merciful bestowal of punishment; this punishment is then, without much delay, allotted to him.

31] And immediately he brings his plea before the high statesman, that the same should not inflict the punishment too lightly, but according to his austerity: Justice and desire would permit him to harshly beat him.

32] If the statesman hears with his most graciously inclined ears to such a plea, he immediately commands his many servants to grab the concerned petitioner by his hands and feet and to lift him off the earth. Once the petitioner is floating in the air in the middle of eight servants, the flogging-man comes with the bamboo knout⁸⁹ and gives him a beating; he does this until the eminent statesman gives him a sign that with this hit his grace has ended.

33] After being beaten half to death, the petitioner is again put down on the ground and his neighbours surround him; they then begin praising the great wisdom, justice, and strictness of the official.

34] Perhaps you may also like to see the common people's desire to present the emperor with praises or admirations. That is not possible in this country because the emperor is, in every way, too unapproachable to be praised by the common people. –

35] This and a few similar things are actually the best part of this constitution; now that we have familiarized ourselves, it is also fitting that we illuminate the bad parts a little.

36] In this sense, things here are really like nowhere else in the world. First of all: No one in this country owns a property, but everything is an exclusive property of the emperor.

37] Each person, or rather, each class is stipulated as to exactly what and how much he must work.

⁸⁸ Or public servants.

⁸⁹ A whip used for punishment.

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38] Also, the food is predetermined, as well as the clothing; the dwelling and the district is stipulated to him, out of which he can never move unless he has a special state order.

39] Furthermore, it is also stipulated as to how many wives he can have and how many children he can father with his wives.

40] He is also required—to the last bit of the law—what he must pay from what he produced.

41] The inhabitants of the coast are strictly prohibited—except at the certain trading place for strangers—to carry out any personal business. They are ordered—except for the trading place—never to let a stranger [or foreigner] enter the Japanese country⁹⁰; this restriction applies no matter what the situation.

42] And so all commodities are exactly stipulated; [the emperor determines] what may be given [or sold] to strangers [or foreigners] and what the strangers can offer [or trade] in return. Furthermore: it is most sternly stipulated that more than one stranger can never remain as interpreter in one location; also that stranger from that moment on can never again leave the coast, since he was accepted as such.

43] On top of that, he must teach his language to three Japanese commissioners and apart from this he cannot even go an hour's way into the interior of the country. –

44] See: That is roughly the summery of the Japanese frame of mind. I say roughly, because this country has absolutely no so-called existing [written] system of government [or constitution]; the living government is the respective existing emperor and his uppermost state officials; and therefore it lies almost entirely in their free unpredictability to make a new law for each immediately occurring case.

45] In fact you have no idea how the law there imposes an entirely different penalty over a crime – often over trivial circumstances. I will give you only a small example. A person is directed to stay within his measured district and is not allowed to venture outside.

46] If someone does not remember the exact boundary and sets only half a foot over the line, and his neighbour notices this: the neighbour, in turn reports the occurrence to his next neighbour, and this one to the next, until it reaches the house of the so-called district governor.

47] This one then goes at once with a circle to the hamlet and place, and measures the encroachment exactly. If the encroachment is a little more than half a foot then the immediate punishment to the transgressor is one-hundred beatings.

48] If however, the district governor finds that at least three-quarter of the foot has been set over the line, this fact raises the circumstances and nearly doubles the punishment.

49] If, however, someone has set his entire foot over the boundary, he first gets numerous amounts of beatings, and then he is tied to a stake for three days in order to familiarize himself with the narrowest boundary.

50] If such a situation occurs seven times, as soon as he sets his foot outside the boundary again, his foot is quickly chopped off.

⁹⁰ It was called “closed country” or *sakoku policy*.

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51] However, whoever ventures without judicial permission only a few steps outside his district's boundary, is hanged in a [so-called] merciful way, or he is beaten to death. And if not in a [so-called] merciful way, he is bound naked to a cross and left hanging there until he is dead. However, mercy awaits him even on the cross, by virtue of a huge request that he may possibly make: to be killed by a lance-thrust. –

52] See: You can already make yourself a concept from this little example as to how it is in this country; and the set-up is such that no one is excluded from the death penalty except the well-known high state officials.

53] And so to a certain extent one wedge drives the other here. One will never experience a case where a lower official is brought to account and penalty because of possible cruelty; such are only brought to trial if they, in the slightest, committed a confirmed carelessness.

54] Therefore, the circle and the scale [balance] form the body of the constitution because everything there is encircled or measured and weighed.

55] Now, if you think that the death penalty plays the leading role with all sorts of torture-variations in all these fundamental rules and regulations, then it will not be so difficult for you to form yourself a concept as to the conditions in a country where despotism has risen to the highest summit.

56] In fact, there is scarcely a second country on the surface of the earth that resembles this one, and in its habits acts arbitrarily cruel and appalling.

57] **Now** I have adequately revealed the horrible part of this country for you. However, there is one far worse. Surly, you will now think, can there possibly be anything worse in this country than what we have already heard? – At this time, I will say nothing to you, be merely satisfied to gaze on My tablet.

58] Look over here: This building is a Temple! I also say to this temple: Epheta! – And now look inside. See how in a sideways remote round cell, several girls and boys are fed so that they become pretty and quite obese. See the men sitting between them in yellow and blue garments⁹¹; they are the sacrifice-priests. –

59] If a miss-year or a year of no harvest haunts this country, they immediately preach that their god is angry over this country and therefore one must bring a sacrifice to appease him.

60] And soon, by order of the high-priest, six male and six female individuals out of this cell are washed and quite gracefully covered after their manner; and thereupon a priest stands upon a so-called wisdom chair; from this he determines with angry words—as if the angered deity speaks out of him—how the victims should be sacrificed.

61] If the girls have become very pretty and voluptuous through this feeding, the deity then will reject the sacrifice, and returns her to the priests as lifelong property.

62] However, the angry deity is not very protective with the boys; if one of them is not of quite exceptional beauty he will not be spared. Instead, the boys are typically intended for the sacrifice; this sacrifice consists in that they are burned either alive or first beheaded and then burned; sometimes they are led on a cliff that protrudes into the sea and from there thrown into the sea.

⁹¹ Shinto Priests.

63] Of course, such human sacrifices only rarely take place; but it is enough, that when it occurs such a country is, as a result, already in deepest darkness; and this country has the most shameful and most miserable concepts of a true God.

64] In addition to this most terrible evil belongs the murder of surplus children; and he who has fathered over and above the number of children is maimed at his genitals.

65] Furthermore, this too belongs to the most appalling evils: that in this country the authorities proceed against the arrival of Christendom with unheard-of cruelty.

66] Not even a born-again believer equipped with all of God's miracle power dares to venture into this land; because as a stranger, he is considered a bearer of bad luck and fomenter of the people; he is therefore immediately punished with the cruellest death. -

67] There are already real cases, where Christian messengers were kept alive by Me, through the various types of death penalties. Only these barbarians have viewed all this as null and void and have insatiably tried all imaginable types of deadly punishments on such Christian messengers. They did this until the number was full according to My order; I had to rescue My messengers, in order not to use more time to see the Holy sanctuary sacrificed in such nameless contempt.

68] But now remember this: The terminating moment of this free seat of Satan is not far-off; when you hear that the monarchy has been surrendered to foreign people⁹², then think that the end of all things is not far away. -

69] Look, in this far away land of the orient there are still some people who do not want to know anything about Me; I will send fewer messengers there, instead, I will send messengers of My imminent [judicial] court; and it will be—as with a fruit tree in autumn—that the unripe fruit is taken down with the ripe fruit.

70] The ripe fruit is stored for the table of the Lord; the unripe, however, is thrown on the winepress and at once crushed, and any little juice that is still pressed out is used for acidification⁹³. The pomace however, is strewn before the pigs; and it will be as by a housefather on whose field the wheat has ripened.

71] In fact, one will not focus on the ripeness of the weeds, because this will be taken with the wheat from the field; then the servants will separate it from the wheat.

72] These servants will bind it together in bundles and dry it on the open field and then ignite and burn it to the ground so all the weed seeds are destroyed; however, they will bring My wheat into the barn of eternal life.

73] Look, do not be offended if you find so much unripe fruit and so many weeds among the wheat on earth.

74] Do not think, that I will delay My Day over it; verily I truly say to you: I only want to accelerate it, for the sake of My elect ones; I want to do this because, if the time and days of the last predetermined miseries are not shortened, truly, even the Living [that is, the Believers in God] would lose their life!

⁹² ¹ See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occupation_of_Japan

⁹³ Acidification: unripe fruit is sour because the acid level is high; the acidic juice is sometimes used in the preservation of food etc.

75] Consequently do not be troubled, and use this message not so much as a literal outlook of the wasteful world, but rather use it for your own inner view; that is why I am giving you such, that you should recognize the world [deep] within you; I do this so that, out of love to Me, you may despise it and flee [far from it].

76] But only at the end of the last hour will I pull the cover off your eyes, where all of you will totally realize where I, in fact, want to go with these twelve hours. Amen.

The following supplement to the ninth hour does not appear in the 1864 German edition and can only be found in later editions of “The Twelve Hours”.

77] **Japan** consists of the following islands: 1st Sakhalin⁹⁴, 2nd Yesso⁹⁵, 3rd Nippon⁹⁶, 4th Shikoku, and 5th Ximo⁹⁷ which is the most populated country on earth.

78] The total topographical area is scarcely the size of Great Britain. The Japanese people [of today] consist only of Mongolians, Malaysians and some few indigenous people⁹⁸; they are definitely not related to the Chinese, and exceed the Chinese in everything—as well in education as in cruelty. –

79] What also plays a very big part, is that they by far surpass the Chinese in a variety of sciences; they have only forty-eight simple letters in their language, in contrast to the Chinese who have almost fifty-thousand. The Japanese language is very soft and flexible; their religion is a refined paganism; their tyrannical laws are of the highest degree. –

80] There are ten so-called castes among the inhabitants; for each caste there are some laws which are irrevocable, and, in addition, there are some random, changeable laws.

81] Each person has his own assigned district to which he is strictly affiliated; from this place he is not allowed to remove himself before he is set free; the release consists of a type of work-vacancy.

82] The preferred villages are: Jeddo-Edo⁹⁹, at the river Tonkai¹⁰⁰ with 280,000 houses and over 1 million inhabitants—that is presently nearly the most populous city on earth [1841]; Rio or Miaco¹⁰¹ with 140,000 houses and almost 1 million inhabitants; Nagasaki, a harbour city, with 10,000 houses and approximately 100,000 inhabitants; Matsumae with 6000 houses and 60,000 inhabitants. –

83] The most northern tip of the island, Sakhalin¹⁰², is named after the English Cape Elisabeth; in the western half of this island is Cape Patience. This most northern and poorest island is separated by the Strait of La Peyrouse¹⁰³ from the island of Jesso¹⁰⁴.

⁹⁴ Russia - Karafuto.

⁹⁵ Hokkaido

⁹⁶ Nihon-Japan

⁹⁷ Kyushu

⁹⁸ Ainu race.

⁹⁹ Yedo [Jeddo] was the name of Tokyo until 1868.

¹⁰⁰ Also known as the Sumida River.

¹⁰¹ Kyoto.

¹⁰² Belonging to Russia now.

¹⁰³ See: “Research into the physical history of mankind”, by J. Cowels Prichard.

¹⁰⁴ Jesso - Yezo, present day Hokkaido

84] On the south-eastern tip of the island of Jesso lies the city of Matsumae. The island is separated by the Sangar Strait¹⁰⁵ from the island Nippon. This middle and largest island is, at the same time, the residence-island.

85] A large harbour by the name of Namba¹⁰⁶ without city rights is located on it. Then there is the residence city Jeddo or Edo¹⁰⁷ with a big harbour, which is protected by the gruesome peninsula ring [called the Boso and Miura peninsula]. Then the mountain-city Rio or Miako¹⁰⁸, as the largest industrial Japanese city; this island [of Jesso] is at the same time the most mountainous, just like the most northern island Sakhalin—which is the most volcanic.

86] The island Sikok¹⁰⁹ is—so to speak—more or less a mountain out of the sea; it therefore has only a small population. However the island Kinsing¹¹⁰ with the harbour city Nagasaki is—on the other hand—overpopulated; this island has the most severe laws and is only accessible to the Dutch [foreigners] and that only on the isle named Guelport which lies just off Nagasaki; this name was derived from the bad Portuguese and Spaniards who were expelled from that place.

87] Above the north-western half of the island Nippon is another, somewhat less significant island called Sado, it is a haven for indigenous people¹¹¹ who enjoy some privileges there; also, some Portuguese have sneaked away onto this island. However, they may never leave the island and they must pray to everything that is Japanese, including the full moon. –

88] The entire population of Japan amounts to 40 million people, 4/7 of those is female. With the exception of mechanics, mathematics, nautical, geography and astronomy, they are in all other industry ahead of the people of the earth, and are in the possession of great wealth and many secrets.

89] The people of Sado still possess here and there the second face¹¹² and still have the ancient knowledge from the time of Meduhed¹¹³.

90] Their number amounts to three million people without the Portuguese, whose number only totals a few thousand. This may all serve you as an exact survey of this country, and can be included in the "ninth hour". Amen!

¹⁰⁵ Tsugaru Strait

¹⁰⁶ Present day Osaka

¹⁰⁷ Tokyo

¹⁰⁸ Kyoto

¹⁰⁹ Present day Shikoku

¹¹⁰ Kyushu

¹¹¹ Ainu race.

¹¹² Also mentioned in the book "Himmelsgaben" - Grund und Wesen des Zweiten Gesichts [Heavenly Gifts' - Reason and Being of the Second Face]; not yet translated into English - 2010

¹¹³ ¹ Read the 'Household of God', 1:31-34.

TENTH HOUR¹¹⁴ – Europe and The Second Face

Written on March 21, 1841, from 5:15 in the afternoon until 8:45 in the evening.

From time to time, upon request, Jakob Lorber allowed his closest friends to write for him. He would dictate Word for Word what he himself heard from the Lord; and so it is with the following chapters. The writers are: Poet Karl G. Ritter von Leitner, Mayor of Graz Andreas Hüttenbrenner, his brother Composer Anselm Hüttenbrenner and F.S. (Not identified).

Now, that we have somewhat glanced at other foreign nationalities concerning moral cults, we want to turn our attention to our own homeland. I am saying home because, first of all, you were all born¹¹⁵ here; secondly, on this soil I am known—for the most part—through the very fragmented and completely deteriorated Christianity.

2] Undoubtedly, I could talk about many more lands and regions on earth as well as on the continents, and on the islands. However, it would make no sense to deliver a new statistic or pieces of insightful information and earth-description into your hands at this time, but I do this with the purpose of awakening your spirit so that he¹¹⁶ would more easily contemplate and grasp his own inward level of disposition [or statistics] and recognize the corresponding wickedness of his own environment. Therefore, this will be enough [information] regarding the prior description of all the foreign countries.

3] As for the peculiarities of other well-known large countries and kingdoms, such as the Empire of China, and others that partly belong to this empire, partly however to the continent of Asia and Australia, see, you can look that up. There are also islands belonging to Africa, as well as the great imperial State of Brazil together with the rest of South America and all those islands, which are considered as belonging to this part of the world, see: you can learn all that on your own.

4] However, out of several considerations for you, I cannot bring any more onto the tablet. Given that the idolatry has already polluted the people to the highest degree in such countries, you would not gain anything from seeing that; instead, through observing the picture, you could absorb more poison than blessings within you.

5] And in regards to why I cannot do this is: because it certainly does not line up with My Holiness. Moreover, by virtue of My divine order it is also not possible for Me to turn the Eye of Love in your direction, because from the beginning, such a country was discovered by a nation that was hated by Me and such countries were covered with My curse; or from ancient times they themselves have already so deteriorated in their atrocities that just one look from Me, on the appropriate picture, would immediately destroy them.

6] Because the atrocity of conduct and ways of behaviours in these countries is of such an outrageous type, you would be appalled at such a description—even with only a somewhat limited depiction, especially when it comes to the inner circumstances. Were I to show you this, not one of you would have the strength to continue writing with the quill. –

7] Therefore, we leave them untouched. Now, as I already said, let us take into inner [spiritual] consideration, that which lies more closely to you and Me in every respect.

¹¹⁴ ¹ The 10th Hour is also partly reprinted in the book “Himmelsgaben” [Heavenly Gifts], which is not yet available in English [2010].

¹¹⁵ Jakob Lorber and his friends were primarily born in Austria.

¹¹⁶ The spirit within us.

8] You may find it hard to believe that under these known and partly deliberately un-revealed countries there are areas for which even My curse is too Holy; therefore these areas are, in the literal sense, not worthy of the same [curse]. I do not have to say anymore to you.

9] You may now understand why I will not get involved in close confrontation over such points on earth. For where Satan has fully erected his dominance in everything and everyone, truly it is not good to look there.

10] Even if I would let you spread out such areas over My tablet, surely you would not see anything except a black, and here and there a really glowing portion on earth. I do not have to say anymore. For that reason look at the tablet, and try to recognize the land that you see before you.

11] Take a good look. On which side do you notice that land? Right; it lies very north. See. You found it. You recognized it right away. The far stretched ice and snowfields loudly foretell the name of Russia to you.

12] See how this far outstretched empire spreads itself over nearly three continents. Concerning the topographical area, it is the largest country on earth that is ruled by a supreme emperor.

13] See how it looks here—especially in the northern parts—as if eternal peace had established its seat there;

14] but appearances cannot be trusted. Even here, there are many storms in the minds of the northern inhabitants. It is not only that they remain behind in cultural development to the rest of the people in Europe, but they also remain behind Europe in so many other circumstances. The reason for this is that the government has still done too little; it has even done too little to at least let that certain Christian light illuminate in a more intensive way, which is in general so characteristic in this empire.

15] This named strife is more or less a moral strife, rather than a political strife. Given that, in regards to the spirituality of a person there can be no condition more uneasy than some tiny sparks of Christianity connected with a whole fire stream of the dirtiest superstition, because it is easier to make the pitch-dark heathens—both here as well as in the hereafter—accessible to the pure truth, than such heathenistic Christians.

16] And this situation... look here on the tablet... stretches nearly uninterrupted over the entire northern part of this country.

17] However, the overall situation in this empire is nevertheless one where the truth still has unhindered access under certain conditions:

18] because, wherever a [supreme] emperor rules a country, and always seeks within his own big effect-sphere¹¹⁷, in all situations to unite his empire as much as possible, such a emperor is so much more [worthy], yes, I tell you, undoubtedly more, [as is the case] whereas in any other highly educated country a monarch is merely a ruler by name only and his subjects are granted constitutions upon constitutions, in order to avoid being ousted from his much-loved throne¹¹⁸.

¹¹⁷ From the German word “Wirkungssphaere” meaning: His own sphere of action.

¹¹⁸ In brief: A sovereign must first unite his country within himself—his heart, before ruling his people; or he, like other more educated sovereigns becomes a puppet and appeases his subjects with one constitution over another [he gives the people what they want] for fear of losing his throne.

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19] Truly, such an emperor is not much better than a criminal in prison, since his blindness is not allowing him to see into what kind of slave-chains his constitutionalised people have cast him in.

20] He cannot see that he is a prisoner in the golden chain. The golden chain is also a metal chain, and with such massive links often tenfold heavier than the one made of iron for a criminal. -

21] And so, there is nothing more noteworthy to see for us here on these frozen planes... except that in the far north against the mountain called the Ural, some extremely isolated families live, who are gifted with the **second face**¹¹⁹.

22] However, this second face is not a sign of a more spiritually aware person. Instead its cause is only in a slightly more increased soul-life [or inner disposition], and is generally a property of more refined or sensitive people who are always in great need, and, therefore, desire to live in more natural isolation from the world.

23] For instance: that this second face has no relationship with spiritual awareness, can adequately explained to you; the fact is that animals are also capable of such a second face, whose individuality absolutely does not carry any spirituality in itself, except for a soul to further its development.–

24] In fact, you will now ask: which reality does it have, what presents itself visually in the second face? Not even this will be too difficult for you to solve.

25] If you are still buried in the midst of winter and snow and ice fields look at you ghoulishly from all sides, when, in addition, you are required to live in cold rooms, will you not begin to strongly yearn for spring and summer? Moreover, will not the imagination of your soul preferably occupy itself with pictorially showing you spring and summer?

26] See: this longing, as it were malleable anticipation [or plasticity] is the first step of the second face, and has its reason in the gentle, quiet ethereal moving or hushing-over of that which the soul in its repressed condition pleasantly expects.

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27] Now: if someone would get much deeper, he would at least at night-time often see the situation of spring and summer pass by him like faint dream-images¹²⁰.

28] If, however, a soul is restricted even more by suffering circumstances, an experiment happens to her through such pressure, as if the air is pressurized to a higher degree; she ignites, and steps outside the bodily sphere.

29] However, in the visible space there are also psychological effects and movements [or expressions of the soul], just as there are effects and movements of light in the wide light-expanses or space. The only difference is that the vibrations of the light can no longer propagate in a natural way other than straight, whereas the psychological effects are more similar to the vibrations of sound [or acoustic] and can propagate in all imaginable directions as well as in all imaginable curvatures with more than electrical speediness.

30] Now think of some kind of fact or actuality; no matter what kind it may be it always has three conditional components: 1) a Material [or physical], 2) a Soul or Psyche¹²¹ [psychological] and 3) a Spiritual one.¹²²

¹¹⁹ Translators note: Also known as Second sight, Foresight, or visions.

¹²⁰ or oneiric visions

31] As to the first condition, the fact can only be seen by the physical eyes, at the very moment it takes place, and in such a distance that can be reached with physical visionary-strength.

32] Concerning the psychic condition, you will easily realize without much contemplation that a fact must first precede¹²³ in the soul before it passes over into the physical world [or the world of the body].

33] However, if the cover [the physical body] is now removed from the soul, she can—by virtue of the psychic velocity of propagation—already observe such a fact significantly sooner; she can do this since such arrives first to the material objectivity¹²⁴; or she can also see [or espy] an already committed fact, just as you would hear a distant reverberation or echo¹²⁵.

34] I will even add three small examples of the human vision [or inner sight] to this abundance.

35] First... For example: A person gifted with the second face sees an unknown corpse pass by, where the acquaintance is still completely fresh and healthy and only dies in a few months following. This takes place in the following easily comprehensible way, namely:

36] The soul of the dying person foresees the near end of her shell [the body], especially at a time when she likewise—by means of a noticeable stepping-out—examines her collapsing mature house more purely and properly.

37] In this situation, she arranges all necessary measures and ceremonies for the transition. However, at the same time the soul of another person is also in such an increased state of mind [or soul vibration¹²⁶], and sees the entire fact of what the soul of the other person has already predetermined. In fact, she sees all this by means of psychic [or increased soul] communication which is now known to you. -

38] You see: This is the way such things are pre-seen by the soul, just as the physical eye sees the things that just happen [in front of the physical eye].

As second example: A soul sees something happen in a far distance.

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39] This inner observation or vision also takes place in the same way. For wherever people are gathered and something happens—either as spectator or as happy or unhappy participants—nothing is more natural than that such a fact is therefore immediately received by the soul- activity [or soul-life] of others; it then plants itself into the psychic sphere or the sphere of the soul in a way that is similar to a most delicate magnetic aura¹²⁷ according to the size and type of the fact that is often several thousand hours away,

¹²¹ Psyche: the human soul, mind, or spirit. Also, psychic: 1) pertaining to forces or mental processes outside the possibilities defined by natural or scientific laws. 2) outside the sphere of physical science [Lookwayup.com]

¹²² Translators note: All people carry a Spirit-spark within their soul [since we are made in God's image and likeness]. Each individual must awaken this Spirit-spark as part of God [which is, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1: 24-29)]. This "Spirit-spark" is also called "The sleeping inhabitant." Furthermore, the three fundamental reasons are: 1) the body, 2) the soul, and 3) the "Spirit-spark." The Spirit-spark lives within the soul, and the body covers both the soul and the Spirit-spark.

¹²³ Precede: forego, come before, in order, time, in importance.

¹²⁴ Objectivity: 1) Not influenced by personal feelings or opinions. 2) Not dependent on the mind for existence; actual. [Ask Oxford. com]

¹²⁵ Translators note: The soul is capable of stepping outside the body and consciously observes all material surrounding, including her own shell: the body.

¹²⁶ Both soul and spirit are capable of reaching an increased state of mind.

¹²⁷ From the Latin: fluidum; fluid, liquid; or the emanating effect, energy; flair, invisible, ethereal, stream out of, etc.

40] and if a human being then finds himself in such an increased state of mind¹²⁸, he immediately becomes aware of such vibrations, and receives the picture through the parity of the vibrations in the same manner [in-]to his face [or the eyes of his soul]. He receives it as a kind of material picture through the parity of the vibration of the light from the outgoing object, and is then observed bodily through the physical eyes.

41] The following third example is: When a fact, in which several people will have a fatal accident, has not yet taken place. This second face is somewhat rarer, but notwithstanding it occurs as well as all the other cases.

42] This second face is to be looked at in the following way: If in special cases a soul reaches into an increased state, the [integrated] inner living spirit also awakes ... although only for short periods. All facts however, are [revealed, eternally in an unalterable manner] in the spiritual condition [which is the spirit of God within us]—the past as well as the future facts. Now the vision or viewing can take place in two ways. Namely: the respective person is seeing it first out of his spirit [or in the spirit].

43] This awareness [or phenomenon¹²⁹] passes [or traverses] naturally into the innermost¹³⁰ level of the soul; as soon as the awareness has passed over into the soul, it plants itself still further—according to the laws now known to you. Now, if a person resides in an increased state of soul radiation³¹³¹, he also sees a certain type of prognostic [or prophetic] fact in addition to all the other circumstances that are taking place, and in this awareness, this visualization of the soul is the second type of fact, which will still take place, sometime in the future.

44] That such a person is also capable of seeing souls of departed people—if those people want to, or are allowed to be seen—does not need to be mentioned any further.

45] Now see: There you have the entire nature of the second face, and you can immediately see that no additional spiritual awareness is required, because the vision or viewing of the spirit is entirely different from that of the soul. Just as the viewing of the body acts [or behaves] to the viewing of the soul, so also acts [or behaves] the viewing of the soul to the viewing of the spirit.

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46] While the viewing of the physical eye can be intensified through material means, such as all sorts of optical tools, so also can the viewing of the soul be increased by those means, which correspond naturally to the soul.

47] These means are, of course: A strong unfeigned belief, a firm determination, and, in that regard—at least half of it[requires]—a spiritual awareness. Just as the psychological viewing can be raised in this way, likewise can the viewing of the spirit be strengthened into infinity; this can be done, namely by exactly those methods the great Seer taught you through His lessons, which great Seer is precisely the One who is now reminding all of you about it.

48] You may think, where are the remaining explanations, which you anticipated about the situations within the European states?

49] Here, I am saying nothing else except: Although you have learned enough of the other horrible situations, you may well be satisfied to know that in your countries it is hardly better. However—

¹²⁸ A radiating [energy] soul.

¹²⁹ ¹ From the Greek *phainomenon*, meaning ‘to appear’ in view’.

¹³⁰ The spirit of God in a person’s soul.

¹³¹ Also, a psychic state of prediction.

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regardless of this—the conditions are still shaped in a way that the one who has good intentions finds simply no hindrance to be better, to act better, and to do good.

50] A paradise on this earth does not exist anywhere, neither physically and spiritually at the same time.

51] Still, anyone can reach it [paradise¹³²] in the Spirit, if he only wants it; although there is still darkness in some countries, it does not hinder the case; even if the darkness of the night has settled gravely over the valleys and mountains, they will be unable to do anything once the sun has begun her ascend.

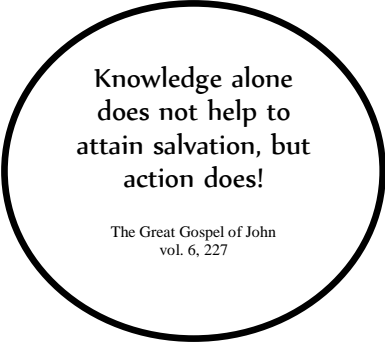
52] However, it is only bad in such countries where there is absolutely no way of freedom, as in underground vaults, chasms, and passageways. There, thousands of suns may rise instead of one, yet their light will not be able to penetrate any sooner into such crusted depths until the beam of the highest degree of burning light has transformed the earth all the way down to the centre [core] into ether. –

53] And so, for the yet remaining two hours we will still find entirely different things than what you already expected, and at the end you must admit that he who laughs last has the best laugh.

54] If you will then observe all these hours in an entirely different light, which I will bring about through a little device in My camera, you will then realize that I did not intended to turn you into a professor of statistics, but into someone completely different, someone who is *able* to look far beyond the field of statistics.

55] As to what will occur in the following hour, you will only experience that in the next hour. Do not trouble yourself with guessing; also do not make comparisons with My statistical statements; for you will have to acknowledge that all these things are totally fruitless.

56] If however, you already think of something, then think that Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australia, and all the mentioned islands and all their entire moral and political circumstances are not important to Me. As to why I used those pictures, as far as is necessary for you and only for you ... See: this will be revealed to you more truthfully in the following two hours, as I did in this hour with the second face, and even more honestly. Amen.



Knowledge alone
does not help to
attain salvation, but
action does!

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¹³² Translators note: Matthew 19:26 “Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

ELEVENTH HOUR – The Prodigal Son

Written on March 23, 1841, from 3:45 in the afternoon until 6:30 in the evening.

The writers are: Poet Karl G. Ritter von Leitner, Mayor of Graz Andreas Hüttenbrenner, his brother Composer Anselm Hüttenbrenner and F.S. (Not identified).

You have all read the story of the prodigal son¹³³ in My book [Luke 15:11-32], and you have probably heard and read this story not just once but many times. I say unto you, that in the entire book there is no verse and chapter that is undoubtedly more profound than the **prodigal son**.

2] What's more, there will not be a place anywhere in the scripture for you that is more difficult to understand, than this one. And the reason as to why you need to know this is because it is of utmost importance and, as such, is an indispensable key to one's own inner [self-] examination.

3] The reason for this goes as follows: Often I speak exalted things [things to take notice of] from My Wisdom through Love; often, however, I also speak of seemingly insignificant things [things that are minor] from my Love through the Light of Wisdom. Now notice: In the first case, you will be offered only so much as your own individuality can possibly endure; in the second case, however, a cloaked infinity is given unto you, whereby the final development¹³⁴ [the evolutionary change and comprehension] will not be reached in eternities.

4] Now see: Just such a seemingly trivial gift is also the prodigal son; yes, I say, if you would know how much is contained within the prodigal son, truly, archangels would come to your school.

5] I showed you many things in the preceding ten hours, as to the present conditions—at this time¹³⁵—on earth, wherein I still concealed the biggest immoralities from you. I showed you the deficiency of the jurisprudence¹³⁶ in general. I showed you the madness in Asia as well as the barbarianism in Africa. I showed you America's disgraceful behaviours, of course only a very small part of it. I showed you the administration of justice¹³⁷ in England, especially in its external methods, as well as the treatment of criminals on the—now revealed to you—coast of Australia. I also showed you a mistreated country in the deep south; I showed you how it was and chiefly still is today. However, I must also make you aware of something else about this country. First and foremost regarding this: Pay double attention to what is being stated about this country! Secondly, what was said about this country, you take least of all literally; why, it will subsequently be shown to you. Furthermore, I have also shown you the highly tyrannical severe conditions [and existence] of other island countries especially the Japanese, and in addition, I also showed you a small amount about the northern country of Russia.

6] Although the things in the world are this way, nevertheless, I did not reveal these situations to you so that you should see these things as to how things are in the world, no, because such and a thousand times worse will come in the future; of this you will, no doubt, hear and read often. However, I am announcing this to you for no other reason than this: that out of all this you would most deeply recognize the great secret of the prodigal son to your own greatest benefit.

¹³³ In the German language this Bible story is called: “Der verlorener Sohn”, meaning: The lost son.

¹³⁴ Translators note: Development; Each created being or nature is in development for eternities; everything that has been and will be created evolves or develops infinitely.

¹³⁵ 1841

¹³⁶ Legal philosophy in court

¹³⁷ The administration of justice or legal system.

7] Naturally you are now thinking, what has the prodigal son to do with all these world atrocities? – You are full of curiosity as to how the prodigal son is going to find his way around all this [evil] world-labyrinth. However, I say to you: It is still easier, to find the prodigal son out of all these scenes and to seize him, than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle.

8] In order to understand all this, it is particularly necessary that you realize *who* this prodigal son actually is. As I show you the prodigal son—though by name only—truly, you must have been hit with more than seven-fold blindness, if you would not notice instantly that a large cover was taken from off your eyes; and now prepare yourselves and hear the name!

9] See, he is called “*Lucifer!*” – See, in this name is for you the entire eternally incomprehensible and endless compendium¹³⁸ of the prodigal son. –

10] Now think; that the existing, almost all of humanity are nothing but limbs¹³⁹ of this prodigal son, and in fact it is primarily composed of those people, which descended out of Adam’s cursed line. See: this lost son has taken all his [abounding] capabilities, which was due him, and is wasting it—according to your understanding—in endlessly long-lasting time- periods.

11] You know from the story of the prodigal son how his fate ended. Now look through all these situations of the world and truly you will see nothing other than the end fate of the prodigal son in a comprehensive scale.¹⁴⁰

12] Look at the defective jurisprudence; what do you think would be the reason for this? Truly it is nothing other than the carelessness and the, from this resulting dullness¹⁴¹ of the conscience.

13] Now look at the prodigal son again; see whether or not this is his first instance of leaving the fatherly house? Observe the madness in Asia! What is it, other than the natural succession, which the sequence or the chronological order of time has systematically developed until the present culmination point of horror? –

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14] Now go further toward Africa: Lead the prodigal son by the hand, and if you look with somewhat sharpened spiritual eyes you will, not only in the present state but also in all imaginable situations of this country, discover a wonderful faithfulness, yes I say, not only in Egypt but in all of Africa,

15] and that not only in and from what the present time offers, but also through all time periods, as far as any human being’s thought is able to go and beyond; in these many time periods and places the prodigal son found himself in the same circumstances when he wasted his [abounding] abilities. Simultaneously, he also thought that in every possible way he could regain some kind of possession, that can resembled the former one, and in this manner elevate himself once again. Alone: look at all the fruitless barbarous efforts of this whole continent, to which essentially all of them, who themselves want to be rich, make it?

16] The events of the past will show you a great deal and so will undeniably the present show you this entire part of the world. For I say to you, not only each single person, not just each nation, but the entire continent [of Africa] from the first to the last grain of sand. Yes, from the first to the last

¹³⁸ A concise but comprehensive summary of a larger work

¹³⁹ ... or members

¹⁴⁰ Or: in a detailed panoramic view.

¹⁴¹ The Apathy and indifference in the system.

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sunbeam, in all individual countries, mountains, rivers, deserts, and animals, is the relationship of the prodigal son truly represented; he is represented also from the commencement of pre-history up to the present point in time and henceforth.

17] Once again take the prodigal son by the hand, but on this trip do not forget to attach slave chains on him and go with him to America. Really, you will have to be blinder than the centre of the earth, if you will not find the same there—a thousand fold in all imaginable nuances. Here I do not have to say anything more to you than that the northern part of America is the inward [soul], the southern part—however—represents his outward [natural being], for which reason this continent already in its form corresponds to a type of insect-like starved figure of the prodigal son.

18] He who has ears: Hear; and he who has eyes: See. You all know how it went with the prodigal son in his last phase, when the—known to you—inner sanctified spark of Africa was awakened in him. In Australia he finds an employer who does not even allow him to eat the pigs' fodder, so that he is forced to fill his stomach with anything he can find.

19] Now, you may think, what then will the prodigal son do in New Zealand? We do not have to send him to New Zealand, because it will not take much effort to recognize New Zealand in the prodigal son.

20] Notice then: The south¹⁴² represents the extreme outward of the people. Now observe the lost son a little; observe how he, in this, his last testing phase is full of shivering fear; he is not dressed after the latest Parisian journal¹⁴³; only very destitute and dirty rags cover his private parts.

21] Now see: here we already have the reliable map, which flutters around the nakedness of our gone astray prodigal; let us stretch, or enlarge our prodigal son and on this occasion also make a short observing visit to the currently existing Christian church. Does she not look like this land? Look at it how you want, either spiritual, as I showed you, or also material, as you always find it described somewhere; surely, you would have to be blinder than the centre of the earth if the conspicuous similarity of this land with the tattered rags of the prodigal son and these with the church would escape you.

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22] Clearly, just as the misery of these inhabitants are clearly blown away by the winds from there, the same did the wind with the rotten rags of the prodigal son; and the same occurs now with the Holy blowing winds from Above with each and every church-sect that is more heathen than Christian. –

23] A prolific deep mathematical knowledge from you is not necessary to figure out what *hour of the great day* it is now! – If you cast another glance at Japan, it will tally up on your fingers, and with the clearest of all signs the prodigal son's inner restrictions as well as the present church situation, concerning her inward [being], shall make things brighter than sunlight.

24] I do not have to say anymore to you. However, what do you say to a very sick person if his feet have become cold and cold sweat drops sit on his head? Truly, no additional medical exam¹⁴⁴ is needed in order to be able to express it in a prophetic spirit: Only a few more heavy pulse-beatings and the struggling anguish of life's weariness is over! –

25] First of all, sense the prodigal son's feet in the south of the earth. Secondly, feel his head, which is the great northern empire, then lay the hand on the old tired church-heart. Truly, you would have to be

¹⁴² The global south.

¹⁴³ ...dressed in vogue.

¹⁴⁴ "Rigorosums" from the Latin rigor starr = strict or rigorous.

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again blinder then the centre of the earth, if on your fingers you do not want to calculate what hour of the great Day it is now?

26] You may still remember in the last hour how "the second face" was made known and explained to you. You probably will now think: does this second face have any relationship with the lost son as well?

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27] O My dear loved ones! If I give something to someone, I do not give it like people do. People can never give something completely whole, even with the best of intentions; I always give something completely whole, and so I say to you: Precisely in this second face will the entire knot be unravelled for you, and after this unravelling you will no longer get lost in your own calculation—not even for one minute.

28] **Again**, let us return to our prodigal son and watch a little how he wrestles with death's greatest misery. Look at his soul; see how she is [com-] pressed to a [small] point; and really, it must come to this extreme!

29] But take notice; in the previous chapter I revealed to you the diverse aspects of the souls, through which the second face will come; this correlation is now taking place with the prodigal son's soul. Look, now her great misery extends itself into fast vibrations and these arrive before the big [heavenly] Father's house; the vibrations of the love-filled Father lovingly exchange with the fear, misery and impoverished vibrations of the prodigal son.

30] The soul of the prodigal son perceives such sacred, soft blowing from the house of the big [heavenly] Father. Out of these sacred vibrations¹⁴⁵, she returns courageously blessed into her decayed house, raises the same again, and turns in the biggest self-destructive humility toward—you know—where the prodigal son turned.

31] But, what happens there? - See, the rags are taken off the son and burned; the son is, as you know, welcomed once again.

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32] **See**. Now you have the entire, up to this present moment, hidden secret of the Prophetic Number of Mankind¹⁴⁶ revealed before your eyes. If you only somewhat go through the circumstances of time, truly, you have to be more than dead if you are still not aware of the Holy vibrations of grace that are now streaming out from the Holy Father's house!

33] You are also members of the prodigal son! Enlarge your soul and awake the spirit in your soul¹⁴⁷, and turn in profound humility like the prodigal son confidently toward the large sphere of your most affectionate [heavenly] Father; I say to you, He will meet you half way!

34] See, the time of My Grace is near, and that is why I have also given you such [divine] insights here, that you should recognize it, that it is *That Great Time*, from which the prophets have sung, yes, *This very Time*¹⁴⁸, which was by Me foretold out of My mouth.

35] Therefore, remain only a short time, and rejoice in great confidence! For truly, the big [divine] House of The Father has come closer to you than you suspect!

¹⁴⁵ See: 10th hour – the second face.

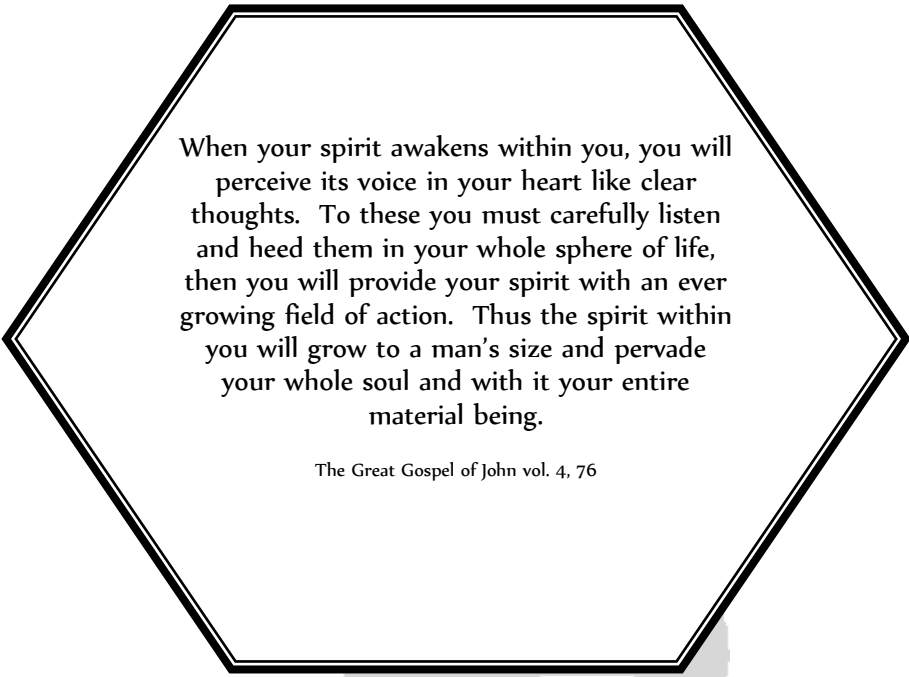
¹⁴⁶ This Prophetic Number constitutes One human being collectively [1 Corinthians 12:12,14, 20; Galatians 3:16; Isaiah 51:2]

¹⁴⁷ Read: Isaiah 54:2

¹⁴⁸ ...the "last days".

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36] As soon as you [care to] recognize the prodigal son and all these point in time circumstances within yourselves, and how this prodigal son is found again in every person, or rather how he finds himself again, as to how [the godly being-] "*the big man*" will be won in the [humility of the] small man , dear children! the last hour will bring you true, faithful news of it. Amen!



When your spirit awakens within you, you will perceive its voice in your heart like clear thoughts. To these you must carefully listen and heed them in your whole sphere of life, then you will provide your spirit with an ever growing field of action. Thus the spirit within you will grow to a man's size and pervade your whole soul and with it your entire material being.

The Great Gospel of John vol. 4, 76

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TWELFTH HOUR -

The Great Cosmic Man

The big creation-man and his return.

Written on March 25, 1841, from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 8:45 o'clock in the evening.

The writers are Poet Karl G. Ritter von Leitner, Mayor of Graz Andreas Hüittenbrenner, his brother Composer Anselm Hüittenbrenner.

Now that we have accompanied and illuminated the prodigal son from his rise to his fall in the eleventh hour, and have also calculated the time and nearly determined the hour that must testify of his

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downfall, consequently in the twelfth hour we are going to see where and how this prodigal son will once again return—humbled through and through—into the immense and grand house of the Father.

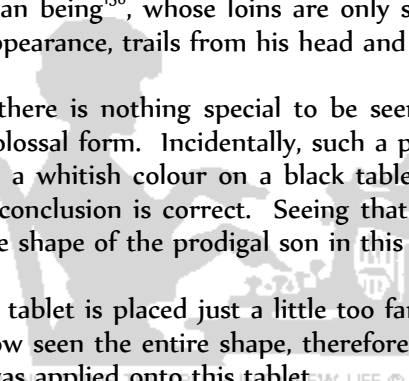
2] However, in order to understand this fully, it is not enough that we have looked a little through the world-mote called earth; but for this purpose I have added an already mentioned tiny devise in the—to you—conscious camera obscura¹⁴⁹ of the spirit; and we once again take a somewhat broader view in this newly prepared chamber. – I am telling you... be prepared; because this sight will bring something before your eyes that until this time has come into no man's mind. With the ability of this new devise [the camera obscura], the tablet also becomes the receiver of a big picture, and as a result will be enlarged and assume a vertical instead of the former horizontal position.

3] **Now** look: Our device is operational. Direct your sight now onto the wide expanded tablet; and at once, you will recognize the large picture on the same tablet. This is the only possible way to place the endlessly long, stretched-out creation before your eyes within one picture.

4] Now: Look closely on the tablet; and as soon as I say the word Epheta, you will see the magnificent picture on the tablet. Now then, because your sight is directed at the tablet, I say: Epheta! –

5] Now, what do you say to the picture? Exactly, on this blackboard you see nothing more and nothing less, than the clear figure of a human being¹⁵⁰, whose loins are only scarcely covered by some rags and whose hair, even with the shaggy appearance, trails from his head and covers half the body.

6] True, you will probably think, "there is nothing special to be seen in this picture, except that it is presented on this tablet in a very colossal form. Incidentally, such a picture could have been painted by a fairly skilled portrait painter with a whitish colour on a black tablet"; and I can add nothing to that, except that—at first glance—your conclusion is correct. Seeing that you want to think a little deeper, you will probably soon recognize the shape of the prodigal son in this whitish figure.

7] But look, My dear children! The tablet is placed just a little too far for your eyes to see, so let us go closer to the tablet; for you have now seen the entire shape, therefore, we want to examine the colour a little closer with which this figure was applied onto this tablet. 

8] Now, we are at the tablet. Look: This fathom-wide shimmering area is one part of the foot of the entire figure. Take a close look and tell Me what do you discover [on the tablet]. Look very closely... What do you see? ... Right, you are discovering nothing but many small, closely linked-together, shimmering, tiny globules¹⁵¹. You know that this picture is not painted, but is only a light-picture [an image] of an outer [natural] object.

9] In reality, what do you think these tiny globules are? See: I will not let you guess for very long, but if you think that these tiny globules are images of remote suns, planets, moons and comets, hear... I have to say to you: Children! Judge not too hastily, otherwise you will err tremendously! However, before I reveal the being of these minuscule globules to you, do your utmost to count these globules on one lentil-size spot! –

10] Now, are you finished? – Yes, yes, I already see, you seem to have difficulty with it since such shimmering dots on this existing lentil-size area are for you a hard to pronounce number, seeing it

¹⁴⁹ "Camera obscura"; Latin for *veiled chamber* [such as a devise, i.e. pinhole camera for projecting an image on a screen, either through a pinhole or a lens]. Wikipedia

¹⁵⁰ Read the "Great Gospel of John" by J.L. volume 4, VI/246:8. *This Great Cosmic Man represents in his general outline the prodigal son who is at the point of returning;*

¹⁵¹ Tiny little globes or pellets

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would clearly be more than a trillion. Now that you have familiarized yourselves a little with the colour, I will tell you from which image such a tiny dot actually is. As already mentioned, not from a sun, nor from any other type of heavenly [global] body, but each tiny dot, or—as seen by your spiritual eyes as tiny globules—is nothing more and nothing less than the image of a shell globe¹⁵². In regards to the shell globe¹⁵³, I do not have to explain this any further.

11] Now we step back a little and again look at the entire figure. See: it is like a complete human-shape; and now that you have sufficiently looked at this figure, I am saying to you: This figure represents or describes out of and according to My eternal order—the universe; and therefore it is, in reality, not visible in its form by anyone except Myself. In addition, a created spirit has never before seen this picture, as you have now observed it.

12] Once again I see the thoughts hidden within you. You would very much like to see your earth within this person. As long as the entire figure sparkles on the tablet, it is impossible to show you such. Nevertheless, wait just a little; see: I am a very good optician, therefore I want to undertake a little optical variation in our camera, after which variation nothing will remain of this entire figure except a single tiny illuminating dot.

13] Now see: The figure is gone; already everything is in order. Again, let us step closer to the tablet and look for our tiny dot. Now: did you find it already? - One by itself does not emit much light; but look very intensely, you will find it.

14] You must not look up there on the high stretched-out tablet, but look all the way down here, where earlier you have seen the left foot of the entire figure, in fact there at the very edge of the ball of the fifth little pinky toe. This tiny globule is this particular shell globe¹⁵⁴, in which your earth is also located.

15] However, in order to arrive at our earth, I must once again come over the tiny shimmering dot with My Epheta, and so I speak “Epheta!” Now look; how this tiny globule has now expanded and nearly takes in the entire large round form of the tablet.

16] See the countless illuminating minute dots shimmer through one another. Now, pick out your earth. In fact, you might not be able to find it out of the great immense number of shimmering little dots. Yes, I am saying to you, it would be a vain effort on your behalf since these minute dots that you see are again no suns, but they are entire regions¹⁵⁵ of sun-worlds-universes;

17] therefore will I now once again pick out just the right minute dot, and erase all remaining off the large tablet. Now, there is the selected minute dot; and in order to arrive more quickly toward our goal, I once again say “Epheta!”

¹⁵² Translators note: The German word is “*Hülsenglobe*”; “*Hülsen*”—meaning shell or envelope, and is mentioned in several New Revelation writings as for instance in the Great Gospel of John, (vol. 2, II/57 [1], vol. 4, VI/245-248). The “Shell Globe” is also mentioned in the book: Robert Blum, vol. 1, chapter 296; The Natural Sun, chapters 5 & 6.

¹⁵³ Translators note: A **shell-globe** is one atom of the big creation-man, also known as the universal man, and consists of five hierarchies of suns each with its orbiting systems. In sequence the shell-globe with the primordial-central-sun, the galaxy-clusters, galaxies, sphere-star-clusters, sun-systems and natural planets and moons, of those only the size of the galaxy-clusters is known scientifically which however, are located in great immeasurable distances.

Note: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7891132.stm>

¹⁵⁴ A globe of countless stars.

¹⁵⁵ ‘The Great Gospel of John’ vol.1, II/57 [1]; Pg. 269/7. Shell globe is the term used for the compound of decillion times decillion suns which as central suns of primary, secondary, tertiary and fourth order, together with countless planetary suns like that of our earth, all revolve in wide and extensive paths around a common, immeasurably great centre which is an also almost endless great principle central sun. ... Angels attend to managing the worlds.

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18] Now see: Our tablet is once again full of new shimmering tiny dots. Alone these illuminating minute dots are again no suns, but all are numerous sun-worlds-universes; therefore, it will not help us to find the earth here.

14] You must not look up there on the high stretched-out tablet, but look all the way down here, where earlier you have seen the left foot of the entire figure, in fact there at the very edge of the ball of the fifth little pinky toe. This tiny globule is this particular shell globe¹, in which your earth is also located.

19] Once again, I will select the right one from these minute dots and erase the remainder of this tablet. Now, there is the tiny dot. See, how lonely and faint it glimmers on the big surface! But now My Epheta!... And the minute dot should immediately become a larger expansion; therefore “Epheta!”

20] Now look: Our tablet is again full of many illuminating tiny dots. From out of all these trillion times trillion¹⁵⁶ minute dots, would you like to search for the earth? Here I have to tell you once again: save your effort; for again these minute dots are still no suns, but individual sun-regions; and this is what you understand as a so-called star-fog.

21] Just so that we arrive more quickly toward the goal, I am going to select the right minute little dot for you and all the remaining dots will be erased on the tablet; and at once add the “Epheta.”

22] Now look on the tablet. Precisely, you are seeing a shimmering-dotted-cloud¹⁵⁷, which spreads horizontally over the entire tablet; it is seven times as long as it is wide. Now look toward the middle; we once again want to select such a small shimmering-dotted-cloud, and all the remainder will be removed from the tablet. – Now, as you can see, everything has taken place, and My Epheta has given this minute dot again its right configuration¹⁵⁸.

23] Now take a close look; you probably already recognize it. See: There in the middle is a small shimmering lentil size disc; see: it is the image of your sun; and take a closer look; the third shimmering dot from the sun on the left side downward is your earth.

24] I just need to enlarge the picture a little and you will recognize your earth at once; and so I say: You earth-point arise, so that My observers will recognize you! And see how this point gradually expands and now has reached the actual diameter, which is adequate enough for you to recognize your natural dirty dwelling place.

25] **Now** that we have seen everything, let us once again return to our prodigal son. Look onto the tablet; once again our first figure flaunts itself on the same. Although now this figure is getting smaller and smaller; and see: now it is only barely the size of a child; and look once again: now this child has also melted into a dot. However, look: On the right side of the tablet, another big image of a human being is starting to appear; and now, *it* is also in the middle of the tablet, and under his left foot you also discover the previous shrunken minute dot, which is in the right proportion of its size to the size of this new picture.

26] What do you think this new picture represents? You might think, since you have more or less become acquainted with the big human being in the writings of [Emanuel] Swedenborg, that it is *this* big person. However, I say to you: You missed it by a mile! This person you see there, is nothing more

¹⁵⁶ A Trillion has 12 zeros

¹⁵⁷ The German word is: ‘Schimmergrieswolke’ translated means shimmer - grit or semolina, etc. – cloud.

¹⁵⁸ These star-systems corresponds scientifically from the biggest to the smallest system: The atom (the shell-globe) is a galaxies-pile-cluster, then comes the galaxy-clusters as sun-world-region, then the sun-universe or outer-space as galaxies, then the sphere-star-clusters as sun-area, in which our sun is at home (here is the Sirius with his orbiting suns).

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and nothing less than the himself-found-again prodigal son; however, not in his all-ness or completeness, but it is '*he*¹⁵⁹ the [actual] prodigal son, who has found himself again in each and every individual born-again [or re-born] person. Or said to you in more easily understandable words: He is the very least one in My new Kingdom, and here—presented to you—in the right proportion is this picture. This picture shows you the complete, full [spiritual] measure of a person¹⁶⁰, which is infinitely more sublime than the previously revealed limb-dissected and endlessly seeming universe in the shape of the prodigal son!

27] Now, if you heed this picture just a little, you might begin to grasp as to what the reason or nature of the return of the prodigal son is.

28] Do not think that this fallen Lucifer, who was revealed to you in the eleventh hour, is going to return as whole or complete. If such would have been possible, truly, a material creation never would have taken place;

29] instead, every single person who lives according to My Words and is born-again¹⁶¹ through the Word and through the salvation [or redemption], is this *prodigal* found again and he will return into the immense [and glorious] house of the Father- [God]! –

30] I am not saying this for nothing to you: In the immense [and glorious] house of the Father- [God]¹⁶²; because, quite a large [and magnificent] house¹⁶³ must be prepared for such a [purpose driven] multitude¹⁶⁴ of [Christ-like] people; everyone can once again take residence with their Father. –

31] Obviously, you recognize from all the preceding talks that it is clearly so; for does not each person in himself suffer in all wide-ranging tribulations, and is not everyone beaten as an individual [or for being his own person]? However, all these blows are directed at one and the same prodigal son.

32] However if a person is beaten, is it not always true that only he who is beaten feels the pain, whereas the one who is not beaten often watches only too painlessly [and without a problem]? Alternatively, an entire nation is being mistreated on another continent, say, whether you have ever felt a whips thrashing on your skin? However, if someone dies, does he die for himself or for others? Or can you avow that somebody was ever born into the world for someone else? Or is My salvation and My Word not just as imperative for each individual person, as for entire nations? And cannot each human being receive Me with his love and the living faith for himself, that I reside in him and he in Me?

33] If you now look at everything, could you, after all that, possibly make the ultimate assertion that I am less in one person, then in all of them together? –

34] However, when I have become one with a person and he with Me, say, is there anything else missing from the deliverance of the prodigal son in an individual person?

35] Has he not received and accepted everything in himself, who has received [or accepted] Me? Truly, every single person who is one with Me is more, yes I say, infinitely more than the great Lucifer¹⁶⁵ ever

¹⁵⁹ Ephesians 4:13

¹⁶⁰ 1 Corinthians 12:27 “Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular...” [King James Bible]

¹⁶¹ John 3:3,7

¹⁶² Or the House of the Lord!

¹⁶³ John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [King James Bible]

¹⁶⁴ 1 Corinthians 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body:...; Romans 12:4 For as we have many members in one body... [King James Bible]

¹⁶⁵ Isaiah 14:3-20; Luke 10:18; 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 12:9, etc

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was in his for you inconceivable greatness; [this principle is shown through] applying your natural way of thinking!

36] See, each individual person for himself or herself will consequently be defined under this prodigal son, who is called Lucifer. And as an entire nation unites with Me, so will this entire nation likewise become only one human being with Me. Moreover, all people who ever lived on the earth and continue to live, when they have become one with Me, they too become only one human being in Me. In other words, everyone will be ensouled¹⁶⁶ and enlivened in one and the same Holy Spirit of all love and all truth and all might and all power, and there will not be many [people] anymore, but [only] one; and one is not less than many, instead, all will be in complete and full union in Me. And many will not have more might and power than one, and one not less power than many, but everyone will live as [only] one [on its own but joint together], out of the same power and might of the Holy Spirit of all love and all truth out of Me!

The Rags of the Prodigal Son.

Written on March 25, 1841

37] **However**, you have heard that the rags of the prodigal son were dispersed by the winds like chaff, and the remaining rags were taken off him and burned. Do you know what these rags mean?

38] Understand, it is nothing other than the former withered cosmic human being on our tablet. For through the salvation of each individual person is the Noble¹⁶⁷, out of Me emanating [excellent spirit] or My prodigal son restored. The rags or the actual prime-evil will be scattered into the fire, from which it actually came out of. However, it is this fire—the one in the Divinity—out of which all things have their material existence.

39] Consequently, whoever depends on the world and sticks onto matter, sticks on the rags of the prodigal son; however, all matter shows you already its big similarity to the fire¹⁶⁸; the same are also the rags on the loins of the prodigal son.

40] This is how it will happen! So that God becomes a free God again, in which no more matter seethes, so must the fire or the related wraths once again return from where it—as that what it is—came from. And it will happen, as if you have some kind of hardening on your body and you cover it with a hot poultice¹⁶⁹, so this hardening becomes soft again. So too will My eternal fire seize this prime-evil hardening in its all-ness or entirety, in order to thereby again assimilate its own being.

41] There is another question present in you: Whether those beings, which are understood as rags, also will have a continual self-consciousness¹⁷⁰ or not? I, however, say to you: The question answers itself almost automatically, because you cannot possibly assume that there should perhaps be any unconscious point in the Deity.

¹⁶⁶ *ensoul*: - give a soul to, to endow someone with a soul – keep deep within, to cherish deeply something such as a feeling or memory.

¹⁶⁷ Noble; gracious (merciful), righteous, good, self-sacrificing etc...

¹⁶⁸ Translators note: all matter decays, becomes crumbly, liquefies, or disintegrates.

¹⁶⁹ Poultice: a warm moist preparation placed on an aching or inflamed part of the body to ease pain...

¹⁷⁰ Translators note: Even stones have a consciousness; read: Luke 19:40 [28-41]

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42] This question therefore solves itself; except for one more question: Whether this self-consciousness is a suffering one or not? See: that is a different question. However, to understand this correctly, you must first recognize that every effort, in order to find itself, must comprehend a certain necessary suffering in itself. Only now, it depends only on whether this suffering is painful or pleasant.

43] If this suffering consists in the fact that the being seizes continuously in itself and by this seizing is striving to form or shape itself forever into a unity, then such a suffering is extremely pleasant and the feeling from the clearest self-assurance an extremely blissful one.

44] If, however, the suffering, or the self-assured feeling of a being, is tearing and destructive in itself, then it is also an extremely painful one; this you can simply learn from nature as well, if you have ever observed any kind of an inflammatory illness, which consists of nothing other than that certain parts in the body begin to expand more and more. The more violent such an act carries on, the more painful it becomes. The result from this is that the self-confident essential condition of the fire-related prime-evil must also be extremely painful and cause immense suffering.

45] You will now perhaps think that as a result the Deity must thereby continually suffer extremely painfully in its portion of wrath. In fact it is not so! But it is simply as if food is boiled down in your stomach; driven through the fire of the stomach, here the little husks crack open from the nourishment one has eaten. However, do ask yourself whether this horrific destruction-process has ever hurt you in your natural state in the fire of your stomach? –

46] However, since I have led you already so far, I want to give you on this occasion a never before outspoken hint! If you want to see the final cause of such a situation of all worldly material prime-malice, then look into your stomachs and observe what happens there with the food that you eat; observe the how and why? Consequently, you will all see a great segment of My ways, as to what will happen. However, the time is not recorded in your stomachs, and it is enough for you all that I have shown you the purpose. –

47] **Now** see, dear children! This is everything that can be given to you; this is everything that you are able to endure; you do not need to know any more; but heed this from point to point, and in fact from the very first hour to the very last hour. Walk this way through the entire earth within you, and in doing so, find the prodigal son within yourselves.

48] Do the same that this one has done and still does in each and every sinner who yearns for My Kingdom. In the innermost chamber of your spirit, on the tablet of your world-avidities¹⁷¹ with the world, allow That which you just now saw happening to take place¹⁷² on the tablet with the cosmic human being. Thus will the prodigal son be found again in each one of you and will become his [own] nearest and dearest, comprehending all [that is Holy], as I showed you, since another human being has stepped in the place of the former one, who melted together onto one point;

49] only then will all of you as *found-again* discover the immense Truth that is given to you in these 12 hours; in addition, in the brightest light you see and recognize the Truth within yourselves.

50] As was said previously, that all people together constitute one human being, like one so are all, then also search for all the evil within all of you[r soul]. And once you have found this evil and managed with My strong support to rid yourselves of it, then will I—as your Holy Father—who has already come to

¹⁷¹ Avidity: Eagerness or greed

¹⁷² ‘In the beyond everything, however secret it may have been kept, will become evident right to the smallest detail’. (The Great Gospel of John by J.L.)

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meet you half way, come all the way to you. I will then free you completely from your rags and receive you into the immense [and glorious] and eternal house of the Father of My eternal Love!

51] Finally I like to make you aware of this: Presently I have not only come toward you, but have also already come towards many other prodigal sons.

52] However, direct your attention mainly within yourselves upon My arrival, and worry less about the overall¹⁷³ one. What you feel, however, for the overall [arrival of My coming]... that carry prayerfully in your heart before Me, *however, nothing else needs to concern you*; the big When, How and Why is well guarded in the best hands. Amen.

I, your grand, Holy, most affectionate Father, am saying this to you.

~~~~~ AMEN! ~~~~~



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Men are God's joy when in his order they become  
what they are meant to be.  
In them God finds again his equals,  
and their constant growth in all kinds of knowledge and love;  
wisdom and beauty are his bliss.

The Great Gospel of John, vol.2

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<sup>173</sup> "Coming of the Lord"

### Shout

out of the spiritual light-foundation in the heart of the soul.

Here, o man! Contemplate on your twice-fallen,

earthly Self; – stand still

Before Mercy deeply realizing this Becoming [of] eternal miracle-fill,

Quietly before – All-Salvation the new Sun-Rise, and

Behold with Spiritual open ear in [the] eleventh and twelfth hour

Out of the highest Wisdom freest accessible mouth

The pre-fall end; – comprehend within the Light of Lights

Of the eternal Love your self, and then see with Spiritual-bright Gaze, in view of

The Worlds–Beings–Universes, how immemorial, outsized and sublime

The parable of the ‘Lost’! – His return,

From the Lord all-truest-deeply now described,

Is the reason and purpose of the entire Creation–Universe,

Yes – the fundamental cause, meaning and goal of the entire Sacred Writing –

Of the Faith and the Love light-engulfed Hope – meets!!!



## Epilogue

*The following English translation was mailed by L.D. to the translator G.L. With minor corrections and permission it is reprinted in this new English edition:*

***The Word of the Father*** was received through O.R.L. on May 30, 1892, and printed as:

**Foreword** to 'The Twelve Hours' of the 1895 German edition.

Presently you still live in the time of the living flow of My Spirit in your sphere; the time has not yet come, during which My servant will have heard and written down from Me, would be subjected to an after-examination, as to what is true, untrue, and what is only coloured. As has been told you already, when you offered yourself, to remove the by you-noticed and possibly other mistakes in the Great Gospel [of John], [I repeat here:] take your hands off from such small appearances.

First of all, such mistakes are minor and pertain not to spiritual, but only material things,- secondly, I directly allow such mistakes, namely here and there for long segments, that they become coloured through the agitated spirit of the writer, so that *no faith-in-the-letter* forms among you!

Be free spirits! Seek! Moreover, practice on yourself—to become free—through the searching in My writings [and their practice].

Do not look upon the mistakes, but upon the remaining hidden inner deep meaning, of which there remains still endlessly much hidden in you, as much as you like to search. –

The Twelve Hours [no. 22] are almost, for all intents and purposes, coloured through the agitation of the writer. Only at the end does My calmness fully break through.

Do not change anything in it. Nothing is “scandalous” to him, who clings close to God, for He understands everything earthly! –

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## Biography

**Jakob Lorber**, schoolteacher, musician, composer, artist, author, mystic, theosophist,  
1800 - 1864.

“...: My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.” Psalm 45:1

Jakob Lorber described himself as "God's scribe". Over a span of 24 years he wrote a variety of smaller, shorter works next to 25 extensive volumes of emends proportions of prophetic theosophical content. He lived a very modest lifestyle in Graz, lower Styria - Austria, who only wrote his extensive library of profound spiritual writings by listening to the "inner Word" of God, Who dictated to him almost daily.

Jakob Lorber received his certificate as teacher; however, this occupation was short lived. Instead, he furthered his musical talent, which he brought with him from his parental home to remarkable heights. His impressive musical career not only provided his living expenses, it also brought him some recognition.

His musical career changed abruptly during his daily time of devotion on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1840 when he heard the voice of God speaking inside him saying: "Get up, take your pen and write!" Later on he saw himself as a prophet of a new era living in a time of total break down of religion and science, which through the divinely dictated revelations once again merges with a personal knowledge of God, and a universal awareness of renewed understanding. For this divine revelation, he forsook all fame and fortune. Jakob Lorber died without any social recognition and earthly wealth.

It was not until after Jakob Lorber's death that his writings spread far and wide beyond Austria. A Lorber-Verlag/Publishing house, in Bietigheim, and a Lorber Gesellschaft/Company, in Hausham, Germany are devoted to the distribution of his many books and thoughts. In memory and in honour of Jakob Lorber the city of Graz, Austria has named several sites after this humble "Scribe of God". There is the 'Jakob Lorber Gasse/Lane' in the old part of the city, a Lorber-Treppe/staircase on the Rainerberg and a Lorber-Quelle/spring in Andritz near Graz, from which the visitors can, still today, drink fresh water or rent a comfortable room in the Inn.

Jakob Lorber is truly called one of God's greatest prophets.

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